サイボーグ CYBORG 009

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Shotaro Ishinomori

GOBO GOBO GOBO

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WOOON

WOOON

IT TOOK OUR HIT!

BLIMEY! YA CATCH AN EYE O' THAT?!

AND IT'S STILL ALIVE!

WE DIDN'T EVEN SLOW IT DOWN!

WE'RE DOOMED!

HE'S GRABBED HOLD OF US!

AIEE!

GAK

WHOOSH

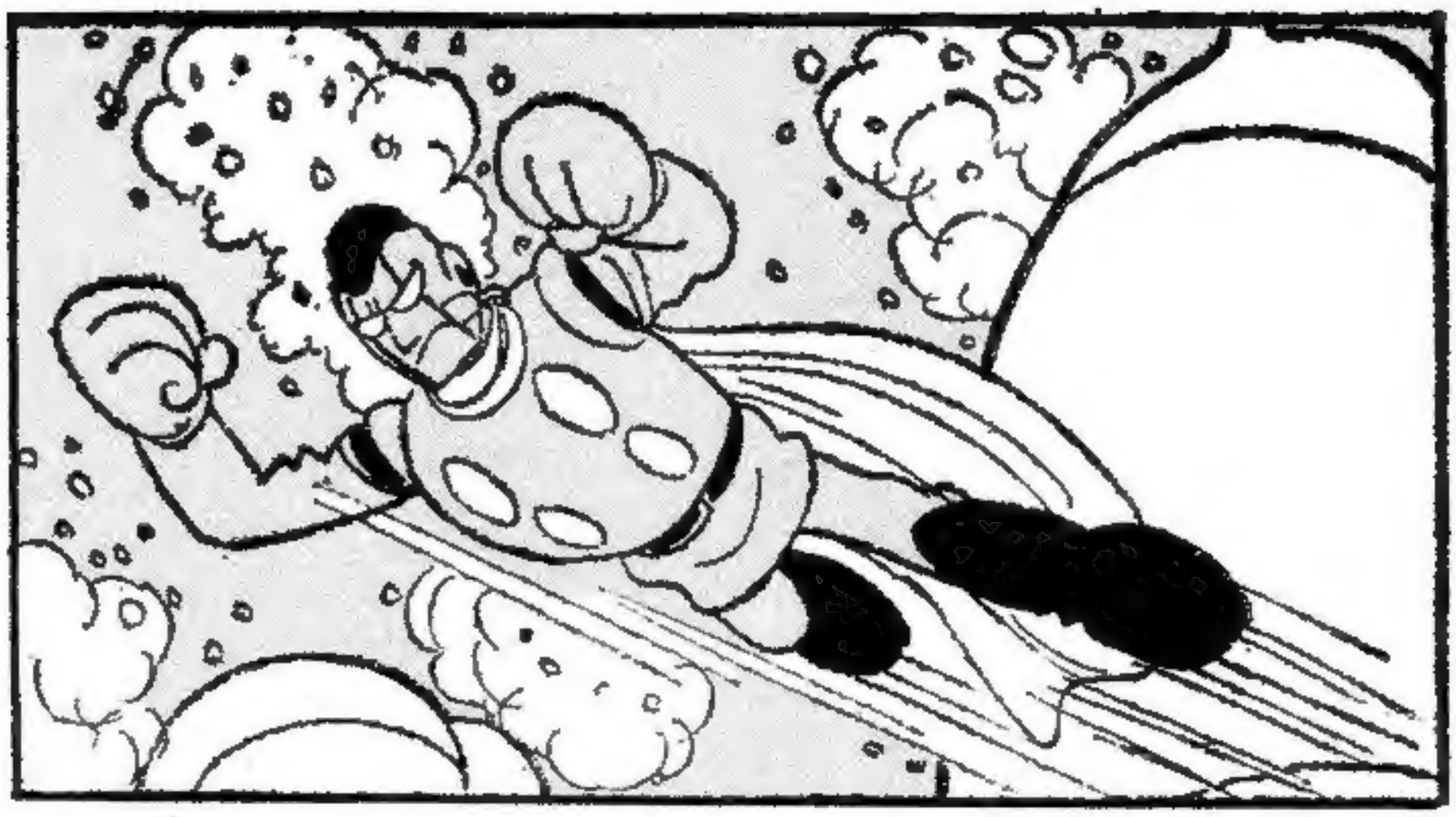
WHAM

WHAT'S GOING ON?

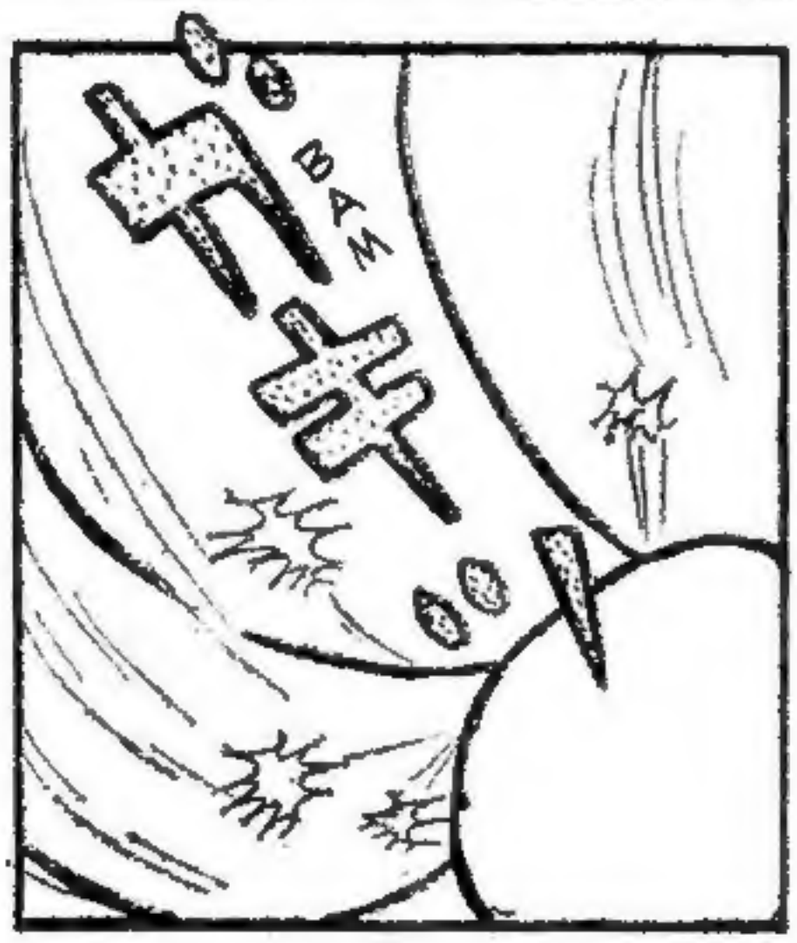
YOU TELL ME!

HOW THE HELL COULD HE FALL?!

IT LOOKS LIKE HE FELL.



IT'S 005!!
I NEVER NOTICED THAT HE LEFT!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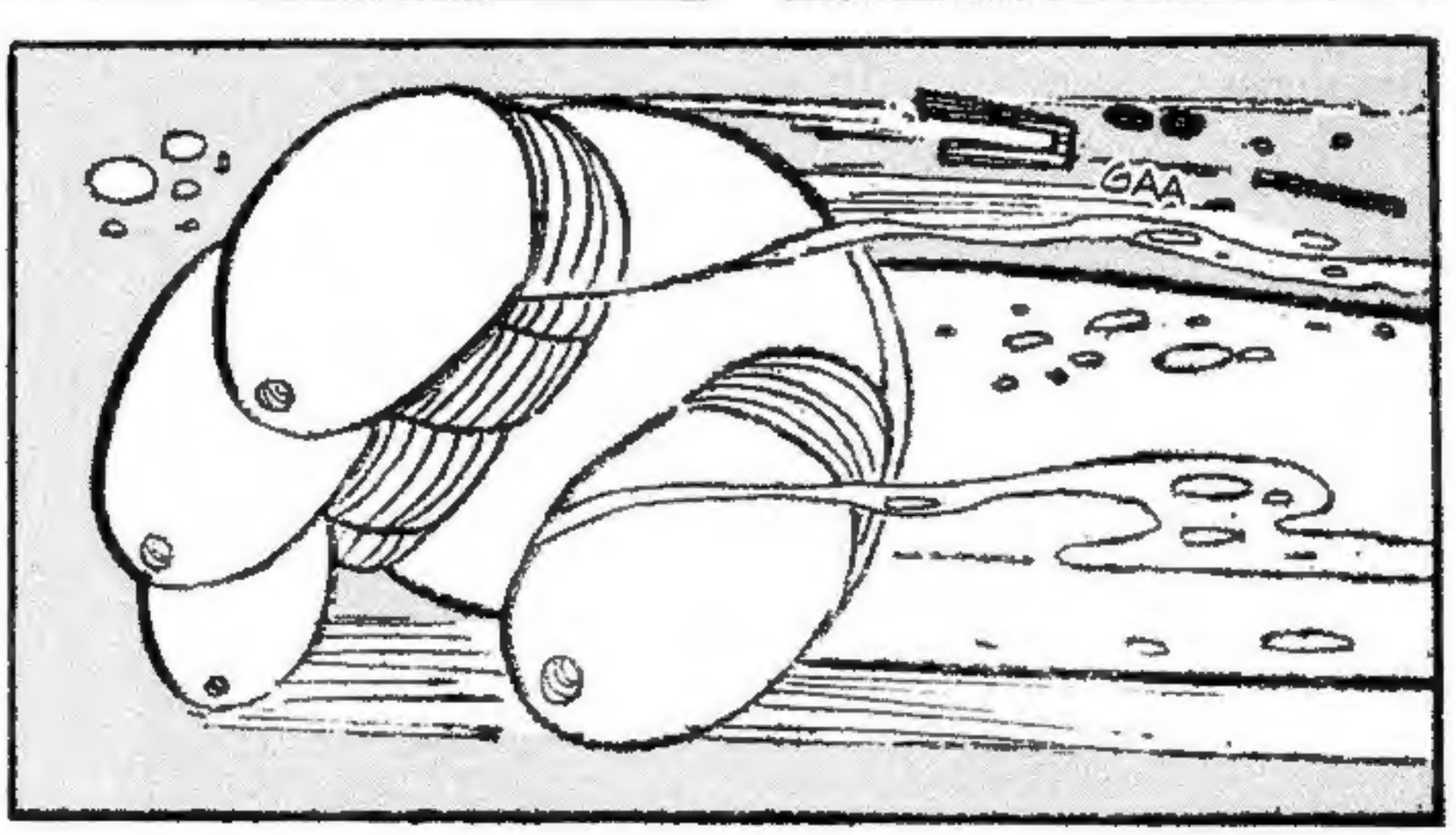
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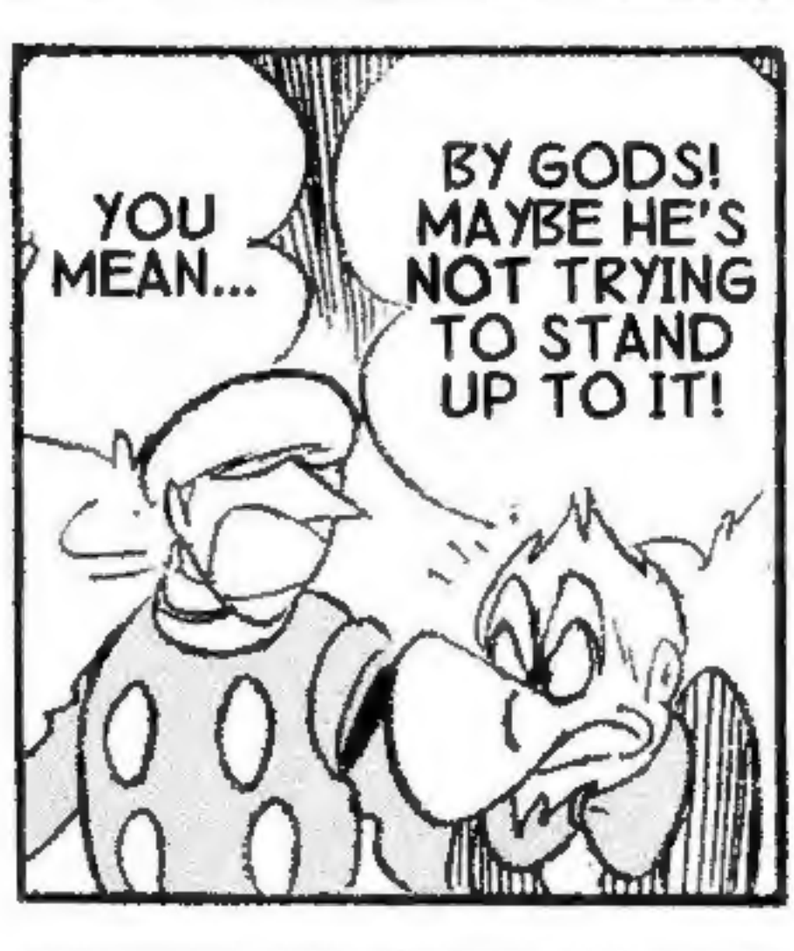
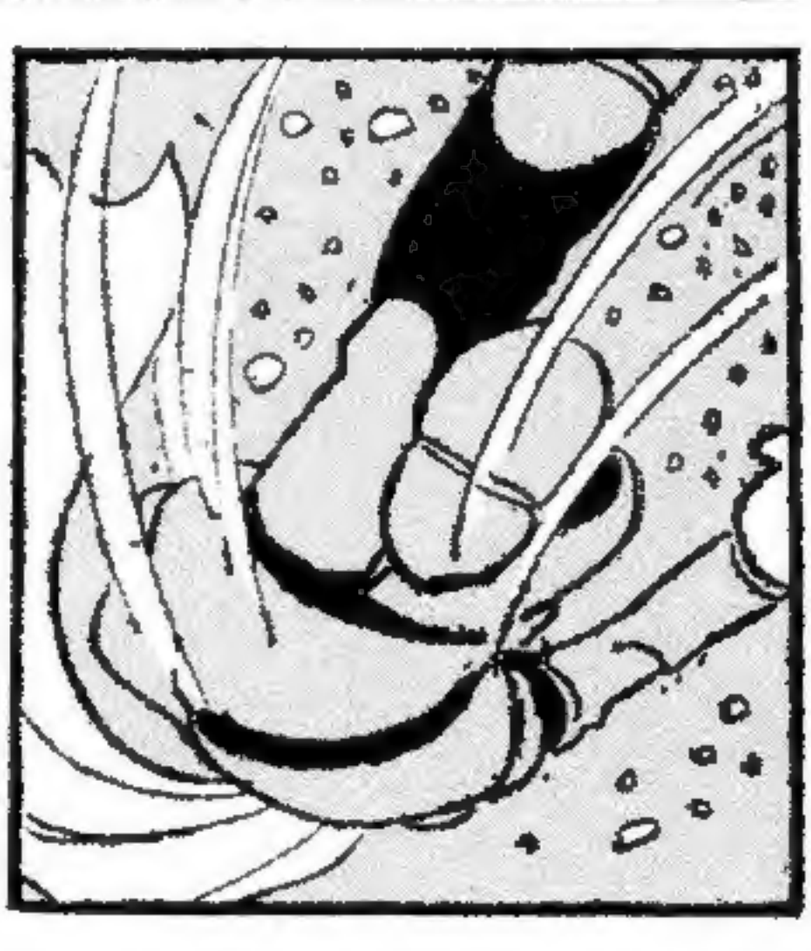
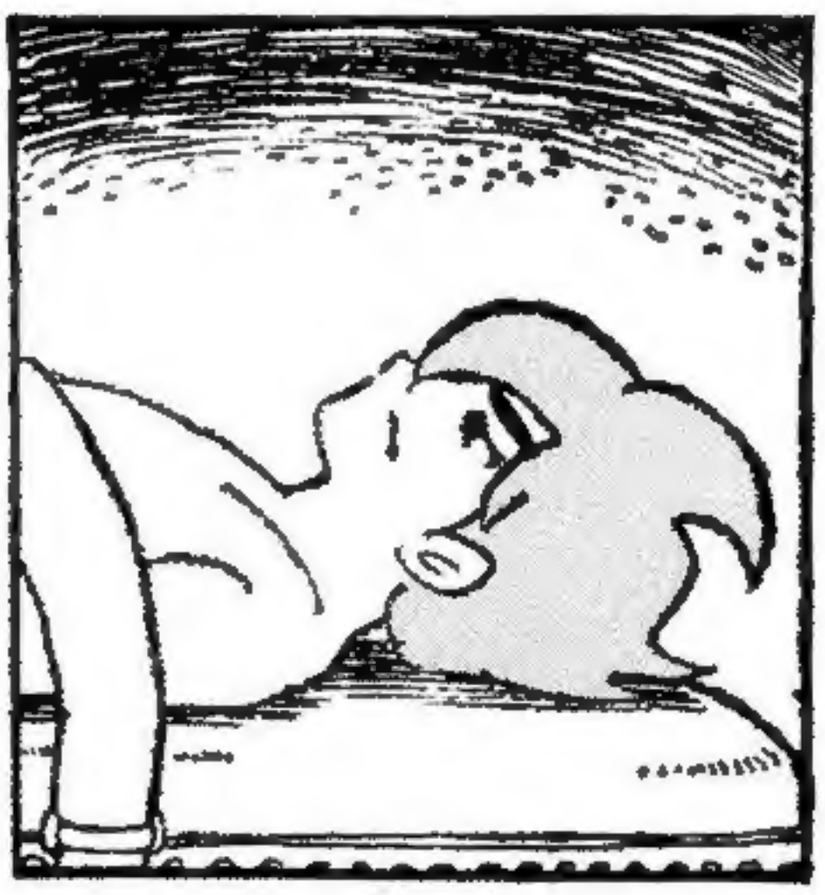

YOU MEAN...
BY GODS! MAYBE HE'S NOT TRYING TO STAND UP TO IT!

THERE'S NO WAY 005 CAN STAND UP AGAINST THAT BEAST!
AHH!



THOSE CANALS ARE WAY TOO NARROW FOR HIM TO FOLLOW US!
WE'LL DIVE!



I MEAN GET US OUT OF HERE! I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIX 009!

AND MAYBE 005 WILL KEEP HIM AT BAY.

GOBO

GOBO

GOBO

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MCCV

MCCV

MCCV

GOBO

KAK

KAK

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE

GOBO GOBO GOBO

THAT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S FOUND A WAY TO FOLLOW US!

GAN

GAN

GAN

WHAM

WHAK

WHAM

URAH!

BAM

UGHHH!

DAMN!!

INDEED-

PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM.

YOU'VE ANNOYED ME LONG ENOUGH!

UGH!

ZAAM

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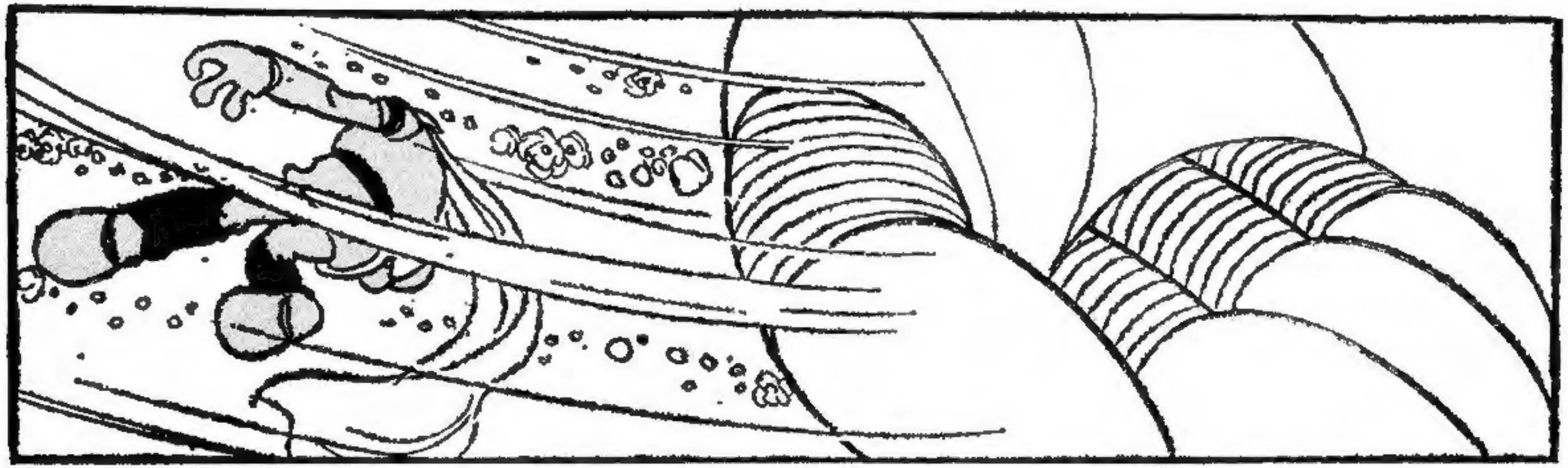

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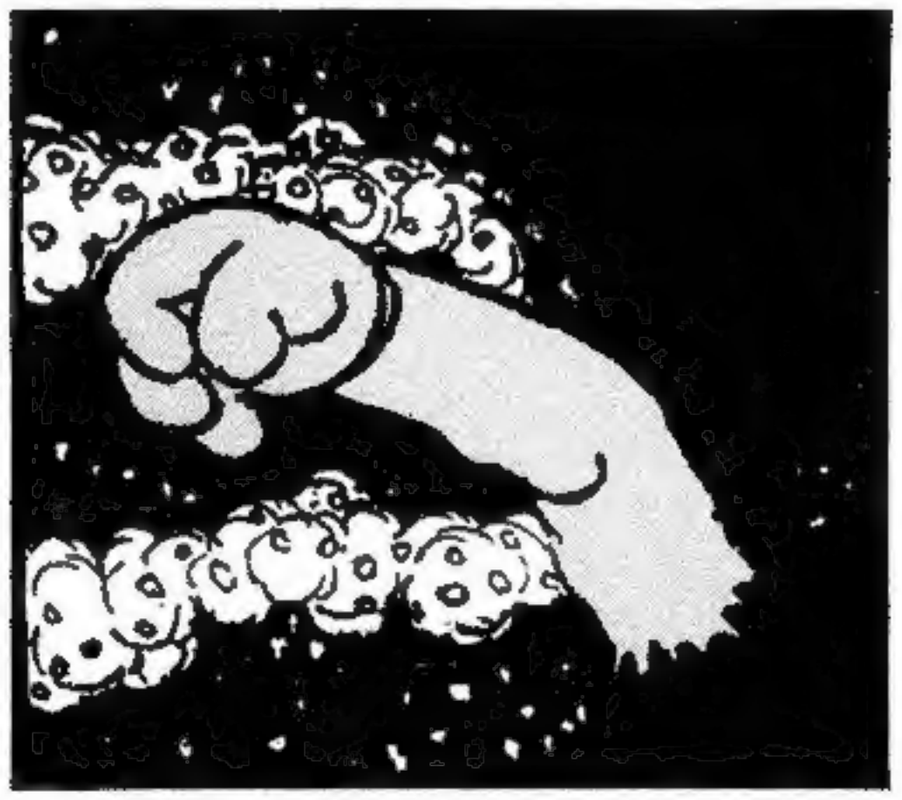

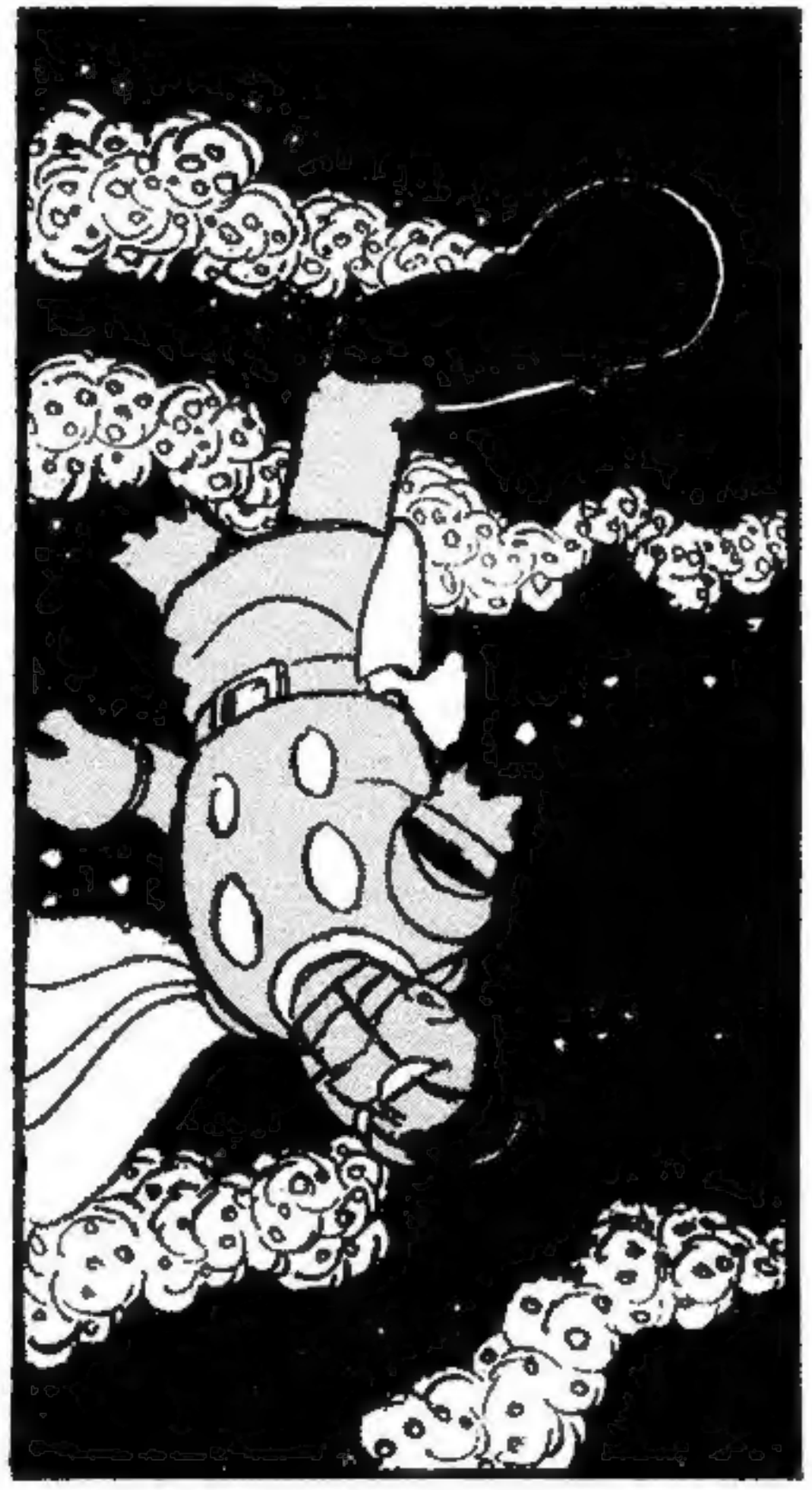

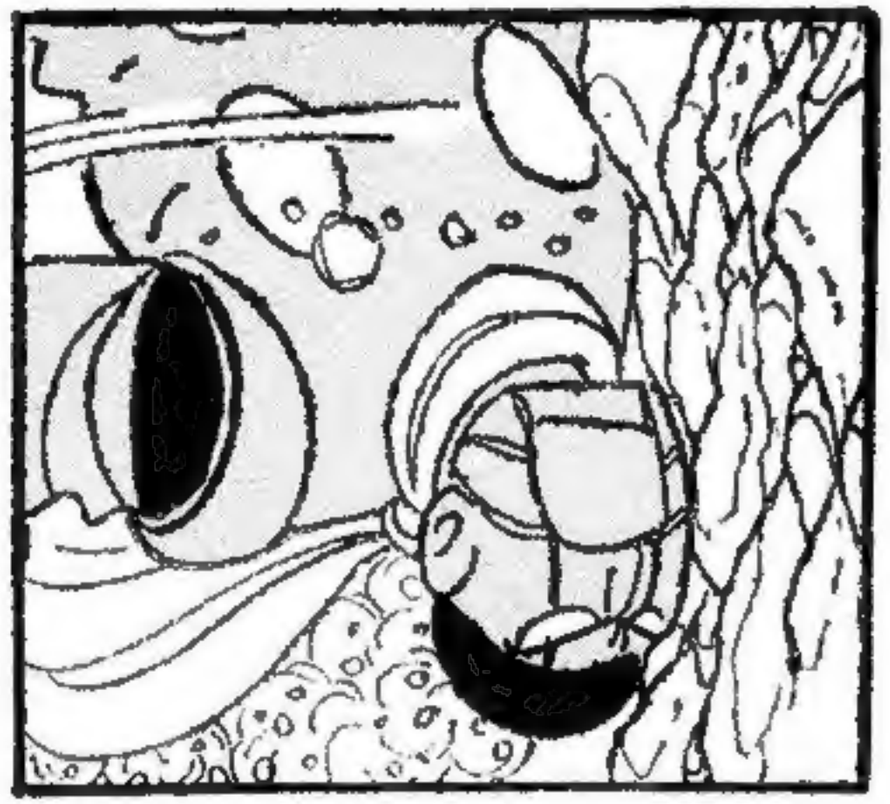

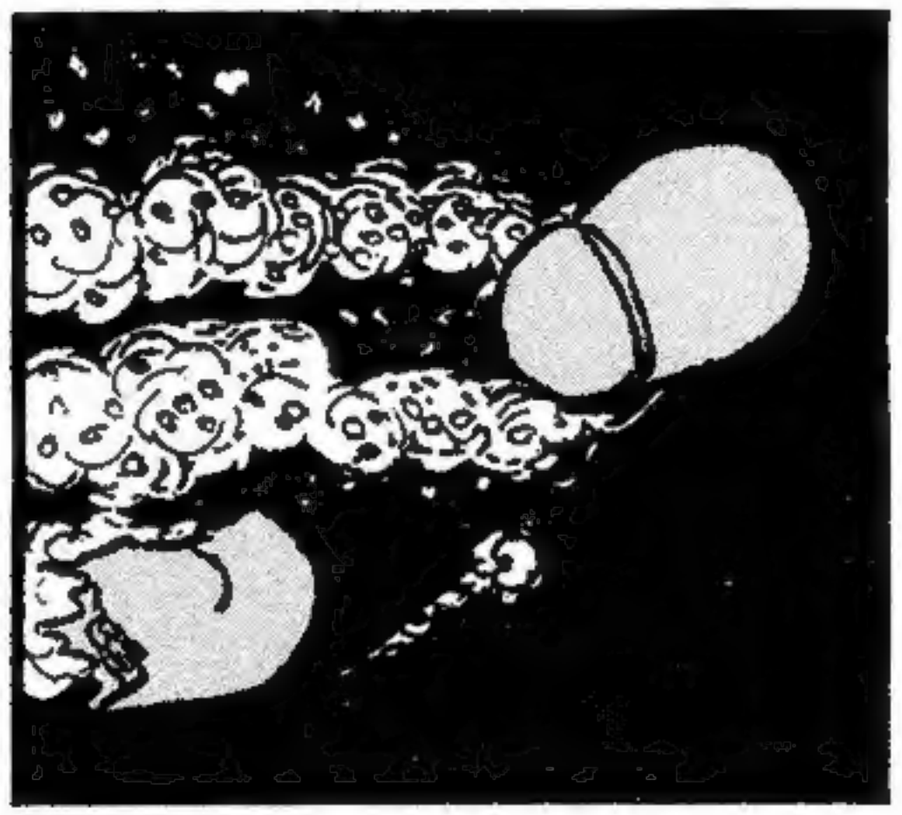

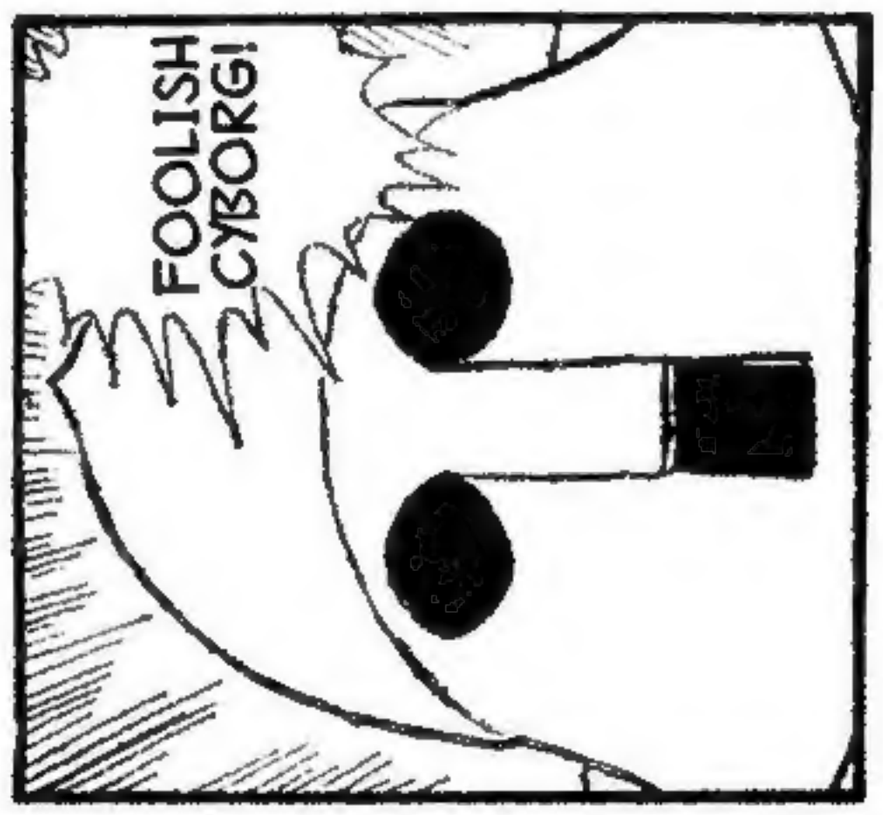
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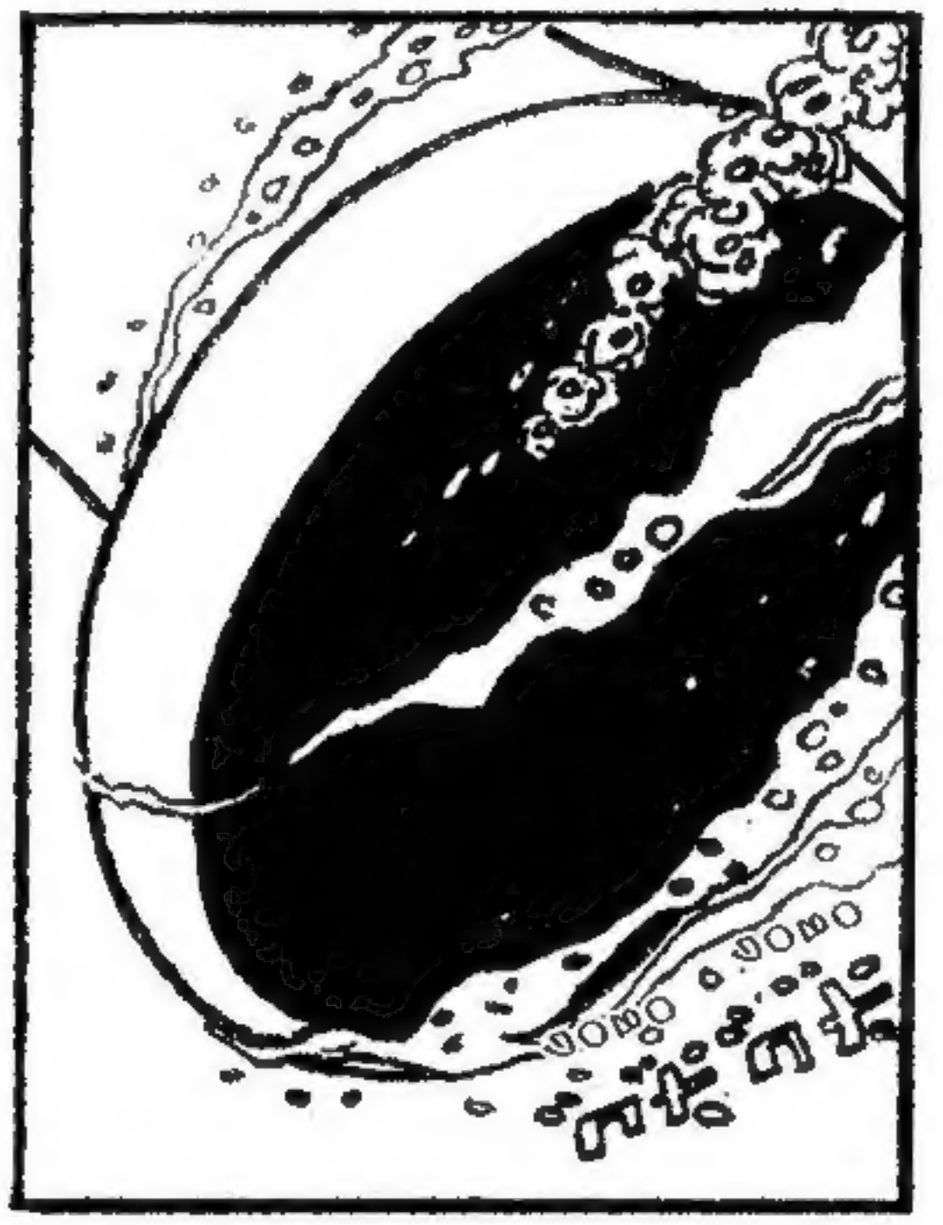
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WHAM

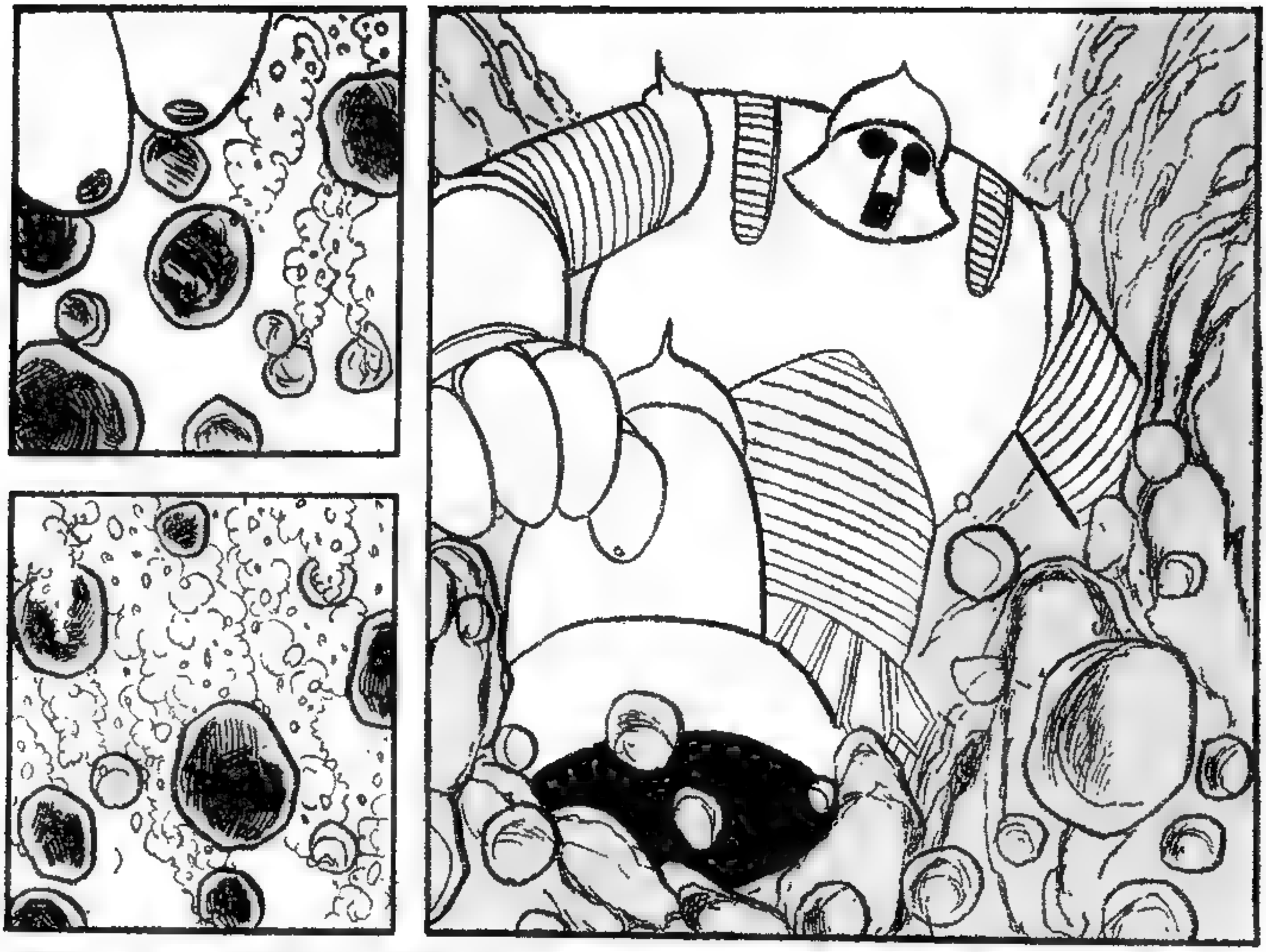
UHH...

WE'RE SHAKING TOO MUCH TO PERFORM ANYTHING MORE THAN MINOR SURGERY.

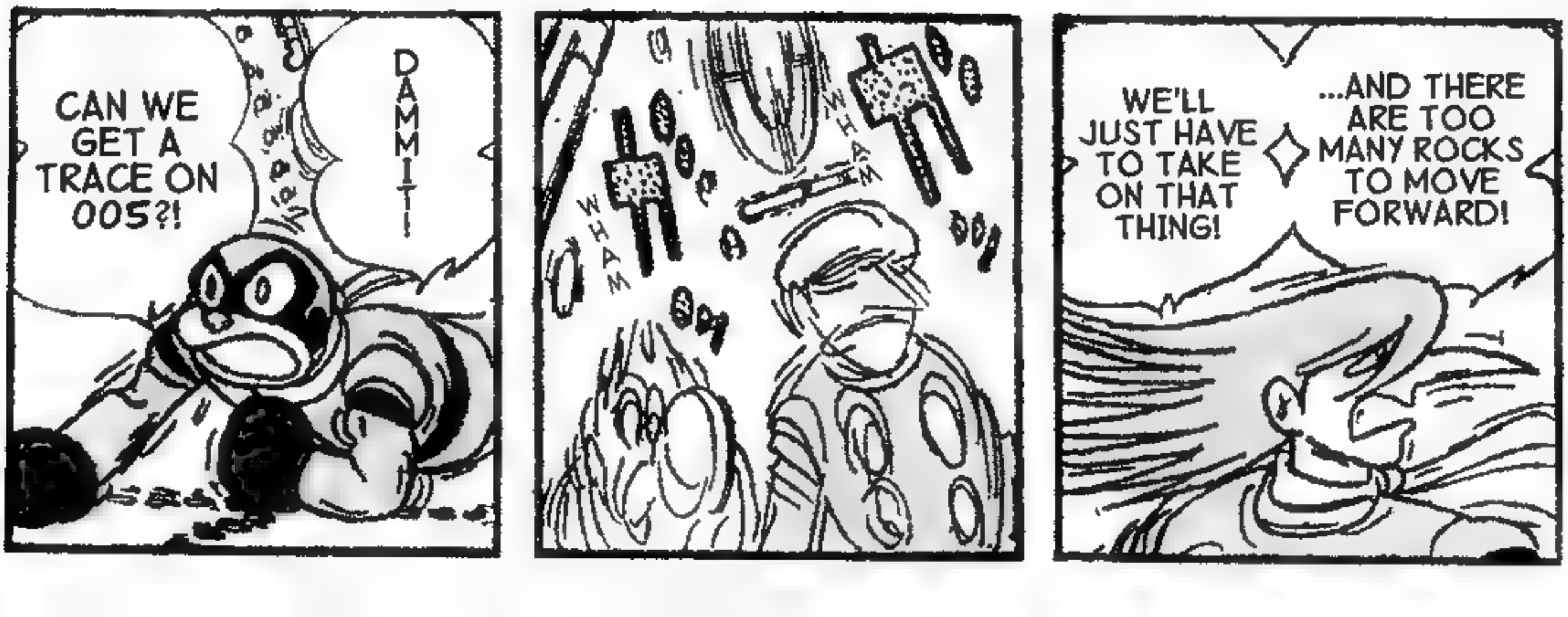
WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?

WHAM

WHAM



WE CAN'T DIVE ANY DEEPER...!
THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO!
DAMN! WE'RE STUCK.


CAN WE GET A TRACE ON 005?!
DAMMIT!
WHAM
WHAM
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE ON THAT THING!
...AND THERE ARE TOO MANY ROCKS TO MOVE FORWARD!

ATLAS...

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO.

OKAY, LISTEN UP!

IF THIS KEEPS UP, WE'RE GONNA BE BURIED IN RUBBLE!

THAT THING IS OUR PROBLEM NOW!

YOU'RE GOING TO NEED MORE THAN LUCK!

WISH US LUCK, DR.GILMORE.

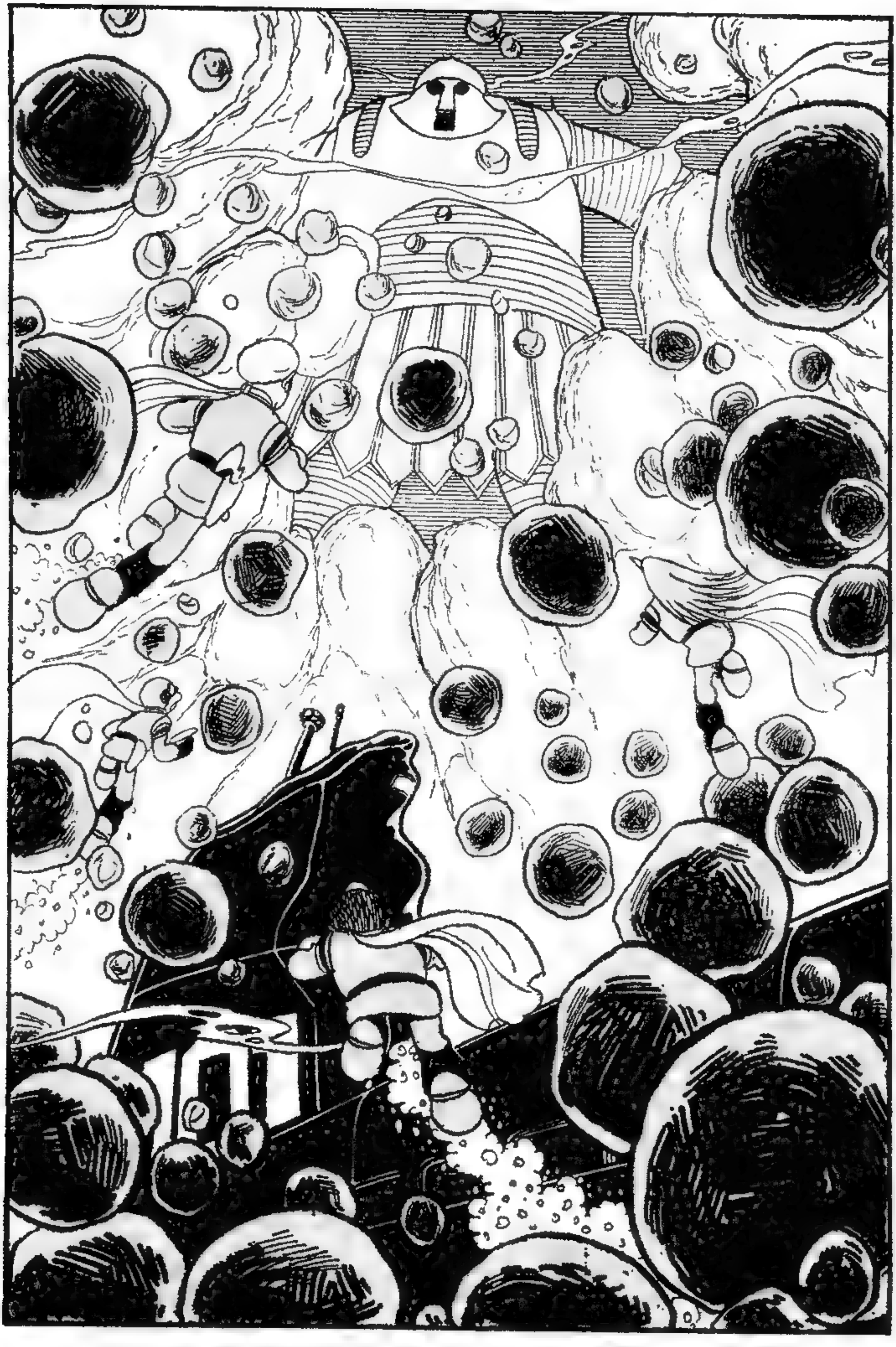
002, 006, 008... COME WITH ME!

HUH?

SURE, HE'S THE MOST POWERFUL, BUT HE'LL BE SLEEPING FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THIS LITTLE ONE IS JUST ABOUT THE MOST USELESS MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

KLANG



WATCH FOR ROCKS!

KAK

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ATTACK!

...BUT IT STILL HURTS LIKE HELL.

THE WATER SOFTENS THE BLOW...

WHUMP

YEOUCH.

WE'VE GOT HIM OUTNUM-BERED!

I KNEW HE WAS BIG, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS THAT BIG!

AND I'LL BET HE'S AS DUMB AS THOSE ROCKS HE'S DROPPING ON US!

FASTER!

CIRCLE HIM!

OKAY! BLAST HIM WHILE HE'S DIS-ORIENTED!

WZZZ

BZZT

ZZZAP

ZZZAP

GE

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GE

IT DOESN'T MATTER. JUST KEEP FIRING.

IT'S NOT WORKING. OUR BLASTERS ARE JUST BOUNCING OFF HIS ARMOR.

WOOW

WOOW

WOOW

WRRR

SHAK

WHOA!

WAH!

WHAM

GASH

GASH

WHZZZ

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GAA

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DAMN!

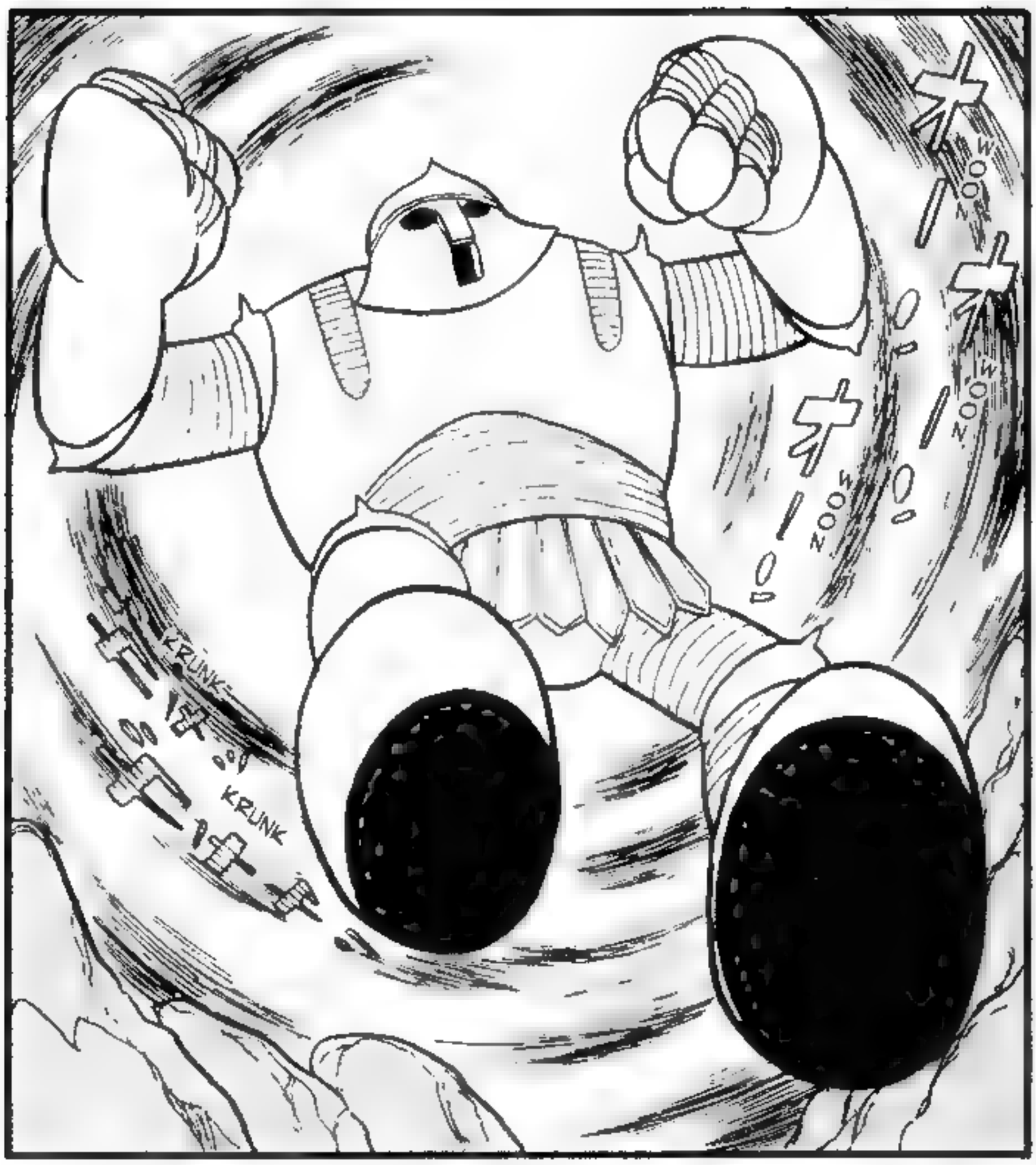
WHEE!

WAH!

UGH!

PSHAA

ARGH!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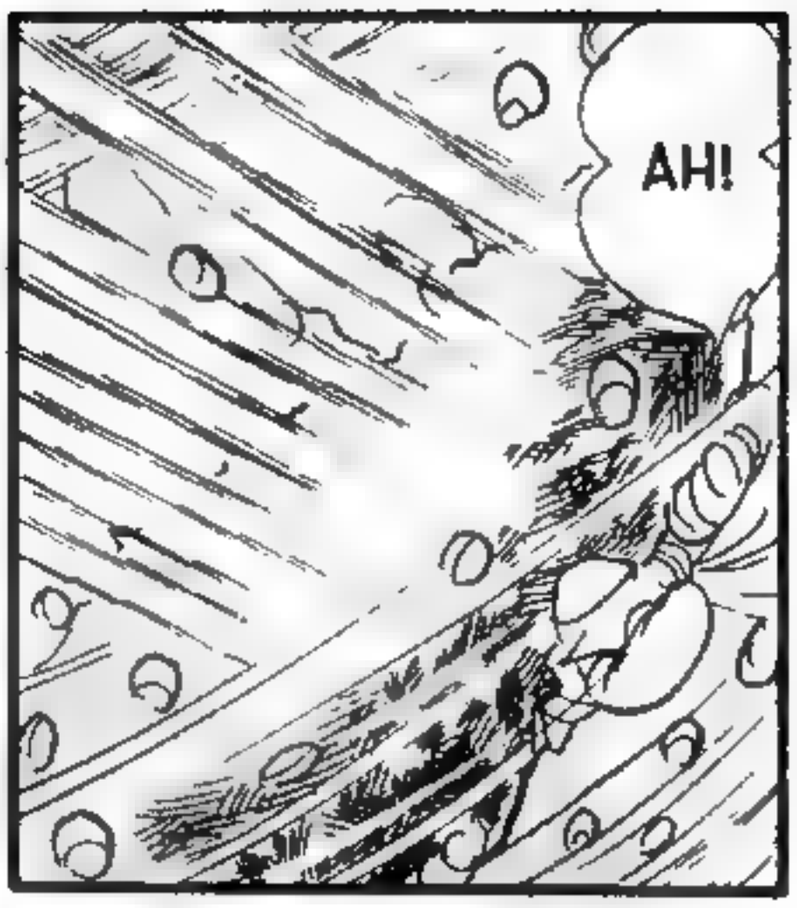
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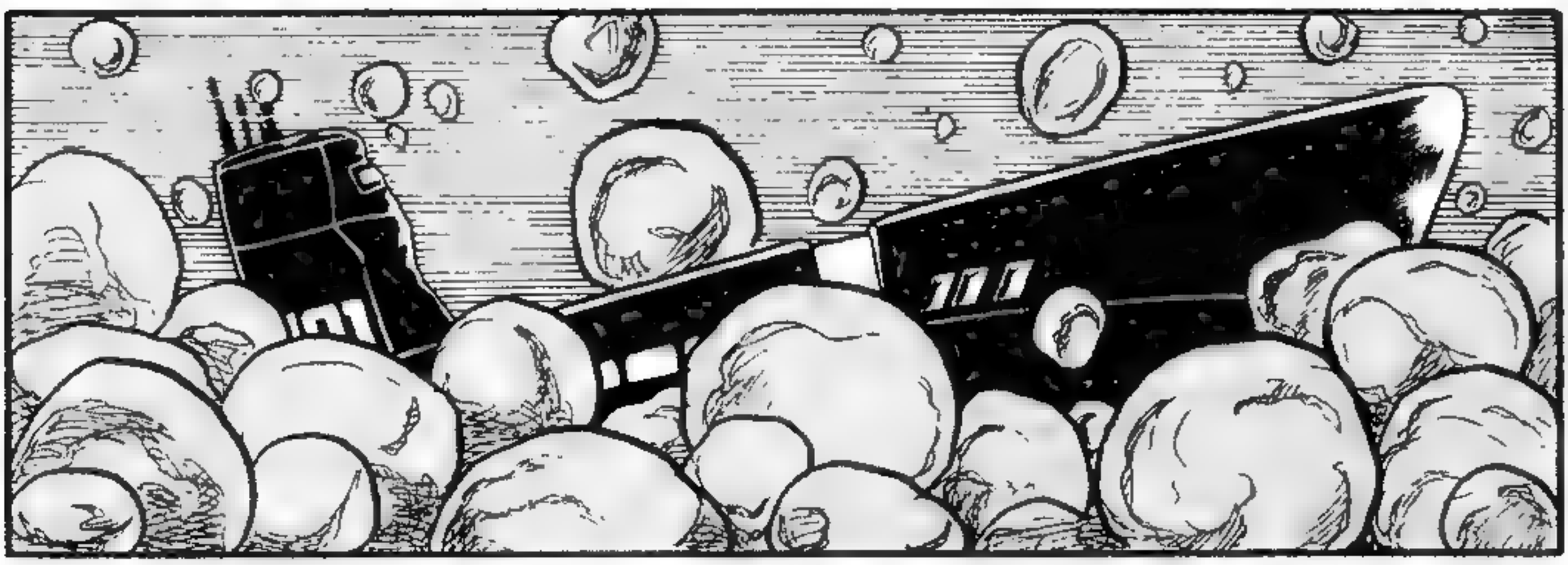
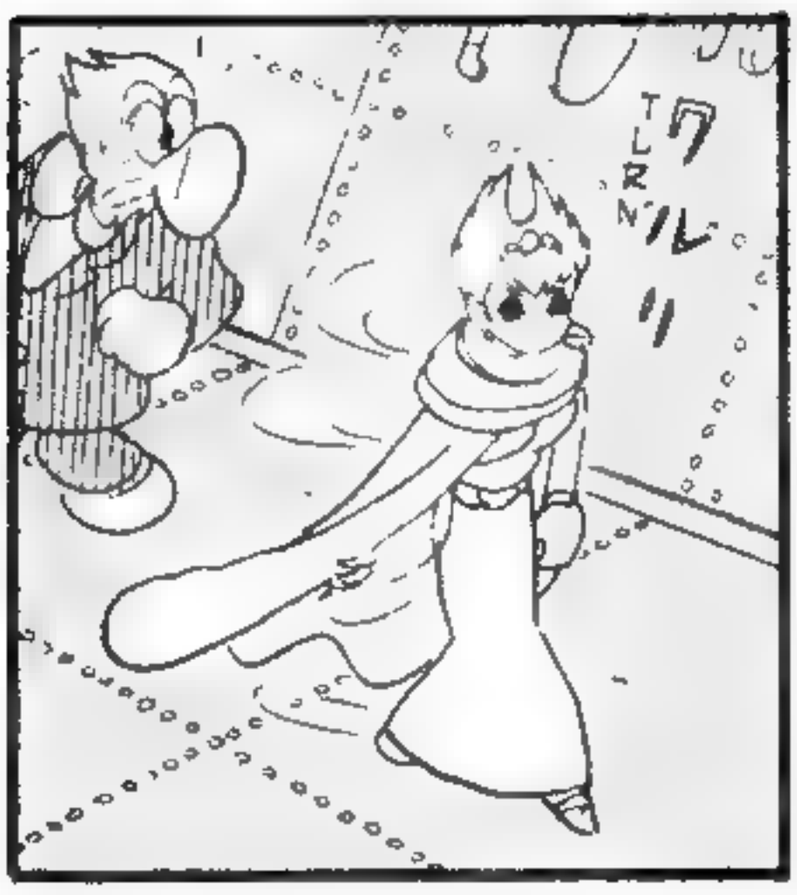
IF ONLY... WE COULD GET... CLOSER...

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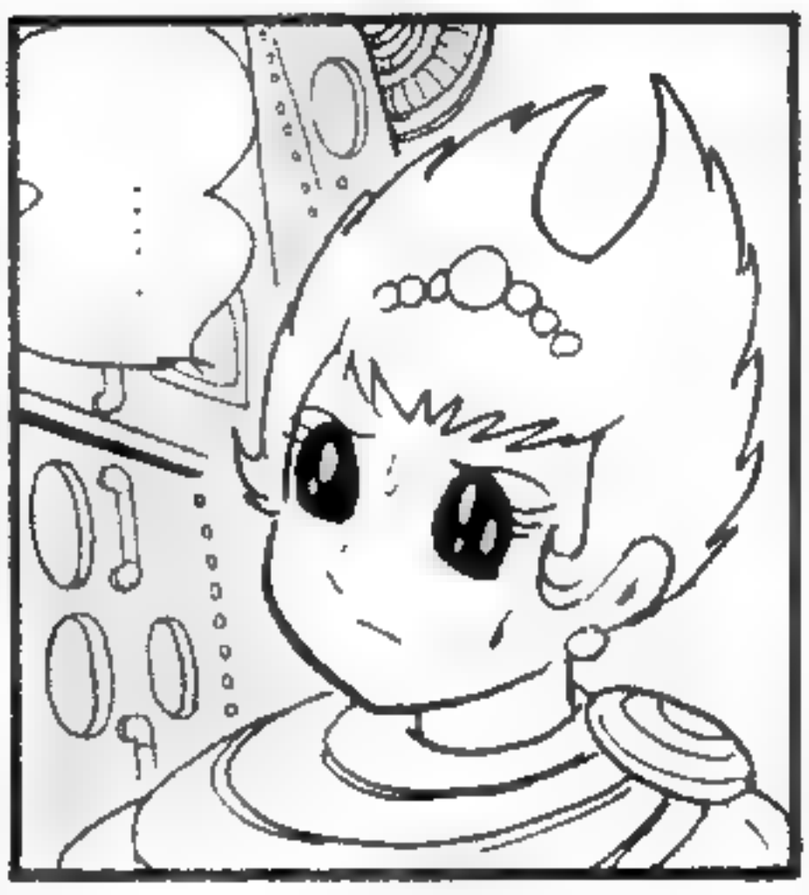

WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE? IT'S SO QUIET.

KLANG

YOU CAN'T GO OUT THERE!

OUT-SIDE.

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

KZCRK

GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I COULD HAVE DONE TO STOP HER. HMMM.

OKAY, MAYBE YOU CAN.

PUSH

WOOZ

WOOZ

WOOZ

HE CAN WITH-STAND OUR BLAS-TERS...

SHAK

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.

I SAY WE WAIT HERE UNTIL HE STARTS BRINGING DOWN MORE ROCKS.

WHAT NOW?

...I'LL HAVE TO RESORT TO MORE... DRASTIC MEASURES.

AND IF THESE DON'T WORK...

YOU DON'T MEAN...

...BUT WHAT ABOUT MY MIS-SILES?

PSSH

PSSH

...ISN'T THAT WHY BLACK GHOST BUILT ME WITH ATOMIC SELF-DESTRUCT SYSTEMS?

AFTER ALL...

I'M AFRAID IT'S OUR ONLY OPTION.

NO, YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

PUSH

AND HERE'S SOME FROM MY LEG!

BOOM

RATTLE

RATTLE

SHUM

DO

DO

DO

DO

DO

BABOOM

THERE'S GOTTA BE A BETTER WAY!!

NO, 004! DON'T DO IT!

I'VE FINALLY REACHED MY LAST RESORT.

I WAS HOPING THAT WOULD DO THE TRICK.

WOON

I'M LEAVING THE REST UP TO YOU, GENTLE-MEN.

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.

WAIT!

WHAT?

HELENA?

ATLAS, STOP THIS!

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HUH?

IF ANY HARM COMES TO THEM, I'LL BE KILLED.

THEY COULD END MY LIFE WITH THE MERE FLIP OF A SWITCH.

THEY CAPTURED ME AND EQUIPPED MY BODY WITH A REMOTE CONTROLLED BOMB!

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PLEASE ATLAS! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

IF YOU RETREAT QUIETLY...THEY WILL SET ME FREE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I AM ASHAMED TO HAVE BEEN CAUGHT.

I'M SORRY, ATLAS.

I WILL LET THEM LIVE SO THAT YOU MIGHT TOO.

I UNDER-STAND, HELENA.

I DIDN'T KNOW DR. GILMORE HAD IT IN HIM.

INTER-ESTING TURN OF EVENTS.

THE BOMB MUST BE REMOVED FROM HER BODY.

I WILL SPARE YOUR LIVES NOW. HOWEVER, YOU MUST RETURN HELENA IN AN HOUR.

CYBORGS, LISTEN CAREFULLY.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, HELENA.

WOON

WOON

WOON

WE UNDER-STAND. SHE'LL BE RETURNED IN ONE HOUR.

IF YOU DO NOT MEET THAT DEADLINE...

THE THINGS ONE DOES FOR LOVE.

WHY WOULD YOU LIE TO SAVE US?

I OVERHEARD YOU SAY YOU HAD ONE THOUGH. I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I WAS INSPIRED.

NO.

HELENA, DID DR. GILMORE REALLY PLANT A BOMB IN YOU?

HEY, WHERE'S 005?

IT'S A DIFFICULT TIME, MY DEAR!

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I DON'T KNOW MYSELF.

I DON'T KNOW ...

I'M A TRAITOR!

I...I DON'T KNOW WHY I WOULD LIE TO MY FRIENDS.

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WE'RE ON IT!

I'LL TAKE HELENA BACK TO THE SUB. YOU GUYS FIND 005.

PERHAPS THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO BECOME ALLIES.

PLEASE. YOU SAVED US. THERE MUST BE SOME REASON FOR THAT.

BUT... I...

ACCOMPANY ME BACK TO THE SUBMARINE.

PLEASE, HELENA...

WE HAVEN'T BEEN TRICKED... YOU ARE TRAITORS TO BLACK GHOST.

WE HAVE BOTH BEEN TRICKED AND MANIPULATED BY BLACK GHOST.

EVIDENCE POINTS TO THE TWO OF US TROUBLED BY THE SAME DILEMA.

BLACK GHOST IS TRYING TO BETTER THE WORLD.

DESTROY-ING THE WORLD?! NO!

TRAITORS AGAINST AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS HELL-BENT ON DESTROYING THE WORLD?

REALLY? TRAITORS?

WHAT?!

004! THIS IS HORRIBLE!

009 IS DEAD!

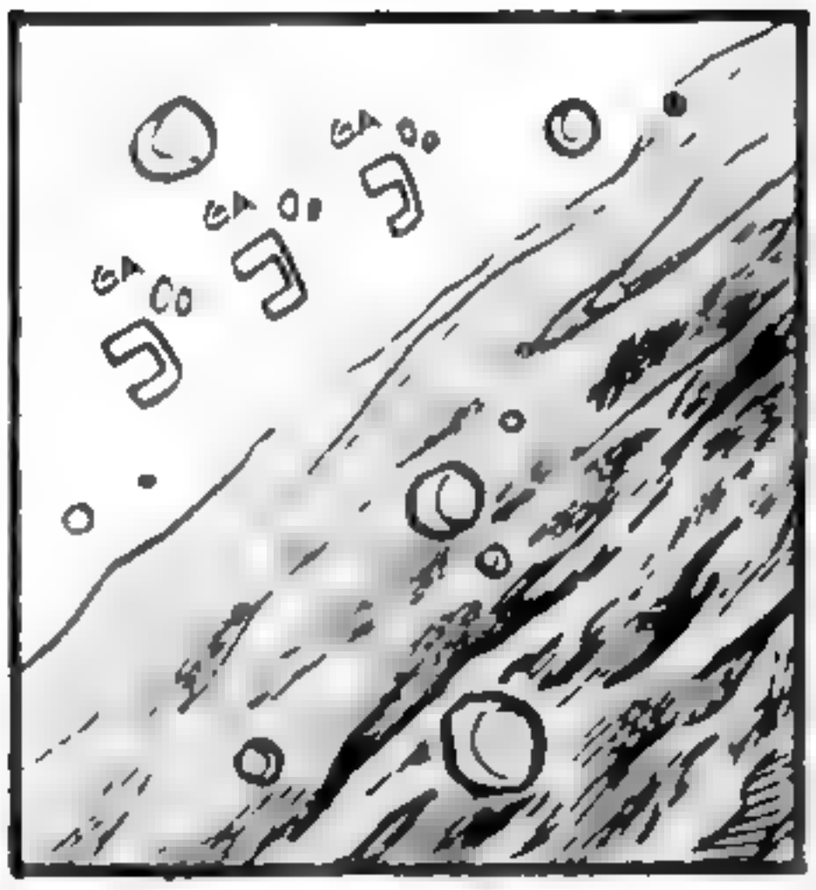
BY EMPLOYING CYBORG-BASED TECHNOLOGY, BLACK GHOST WILL BE ABLE TO CREATE A NEW WORLD, A BETTER WORLD FOR HUMANITY.

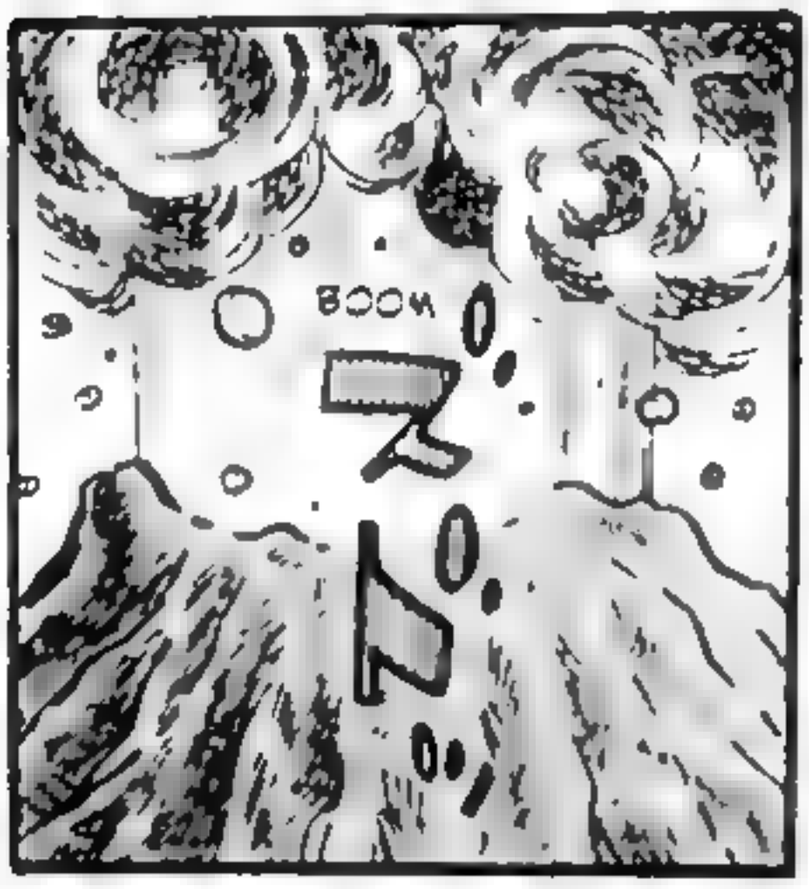
BLUB

BLUB

KLANK

AND THAT IS HOW YOU'VE BEEN TRICKED.

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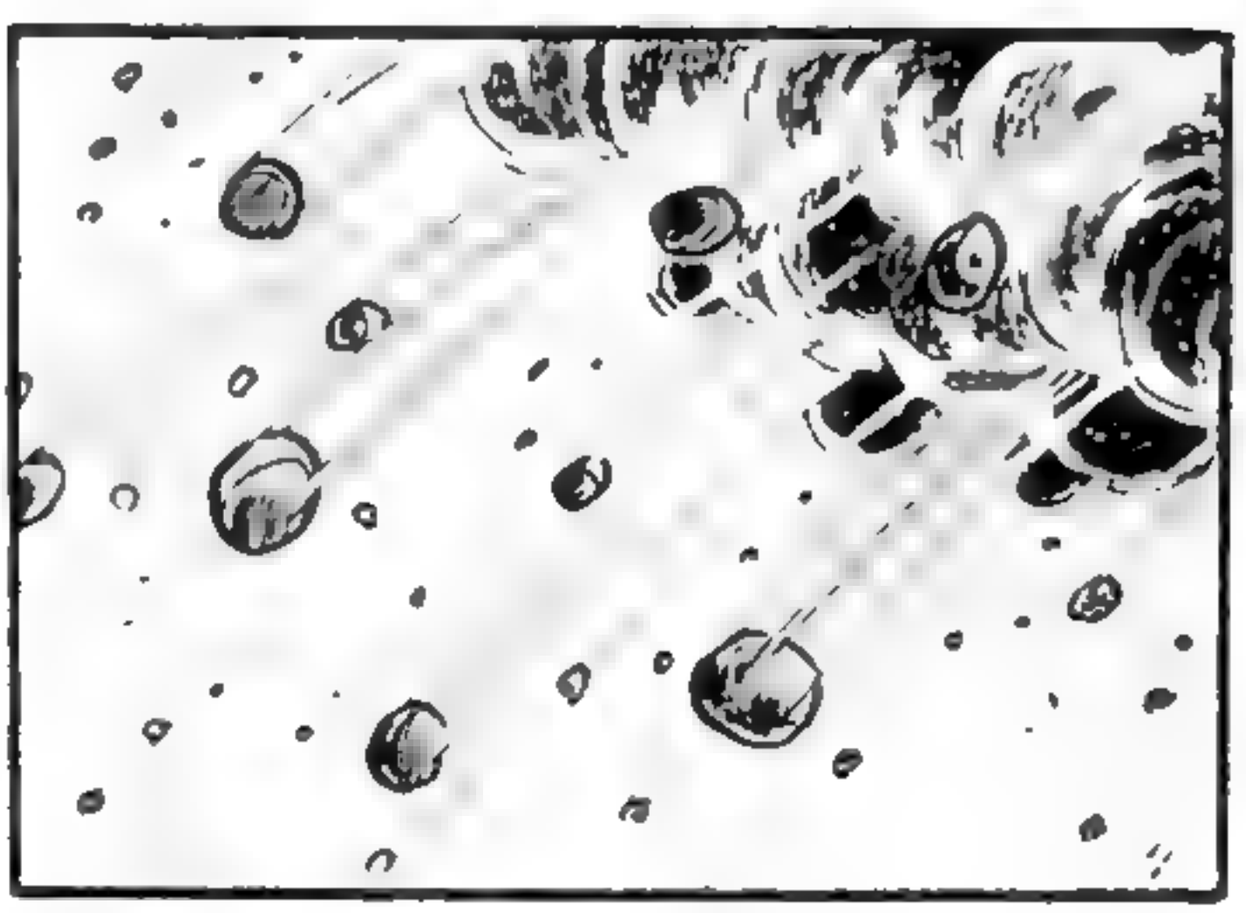

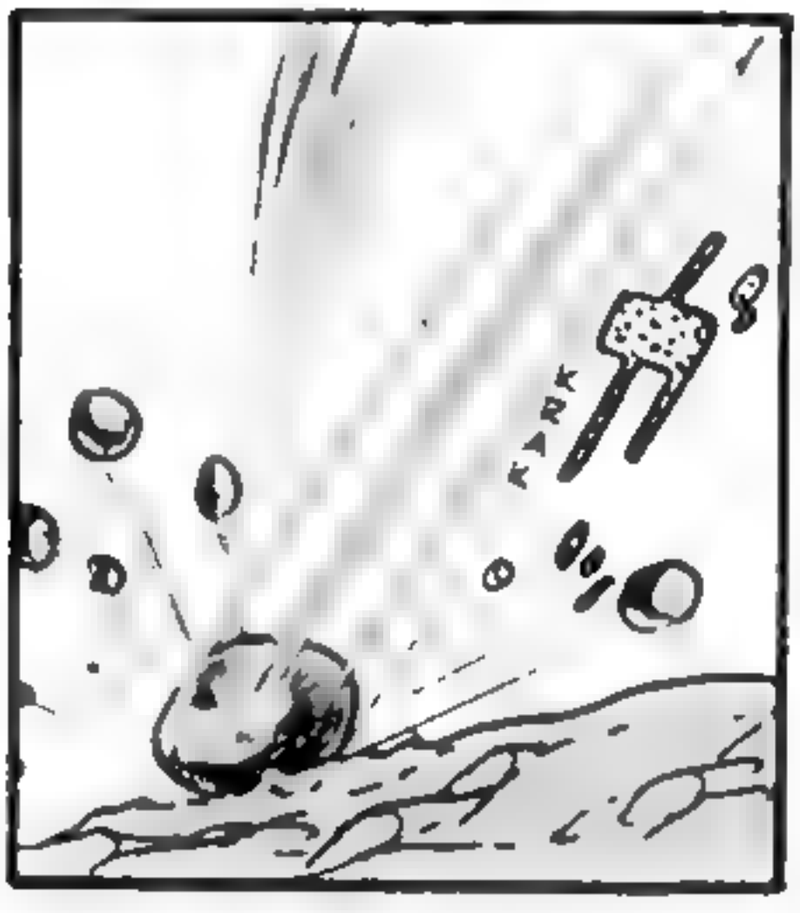
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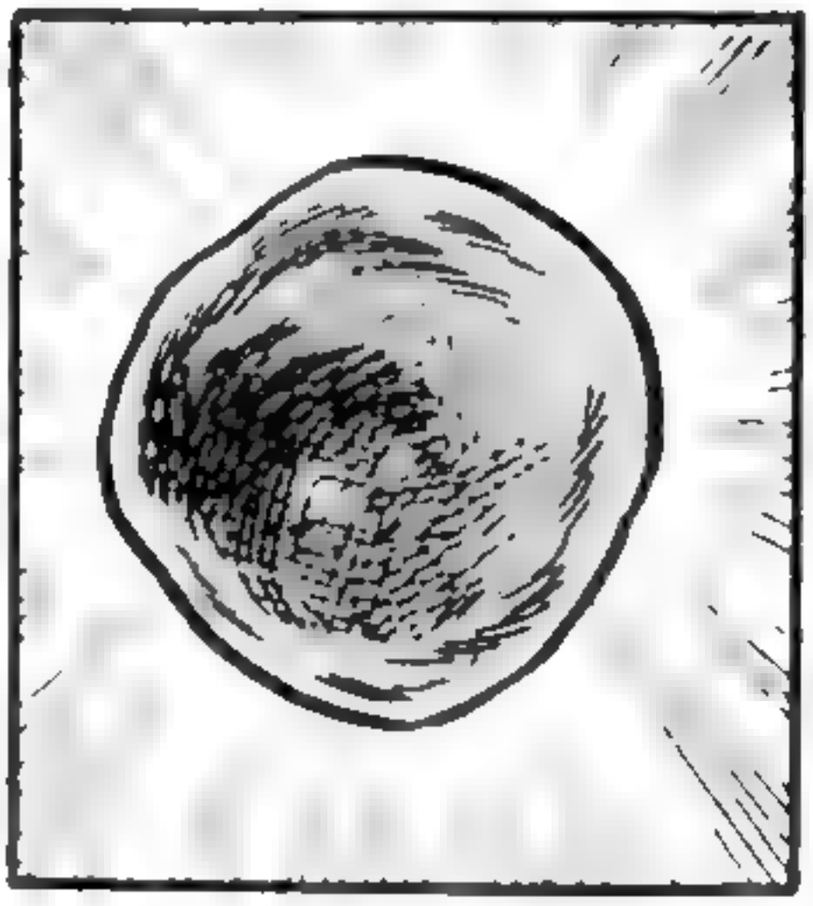

KRRAK

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DO DO DO DO DO DO

GE GE GE

ZZZAK

ZZZAK

IT'S FINALLY OVER!

GA GA GA GA GA GA

WHOO WHOO HIII

TMP TMP TMP

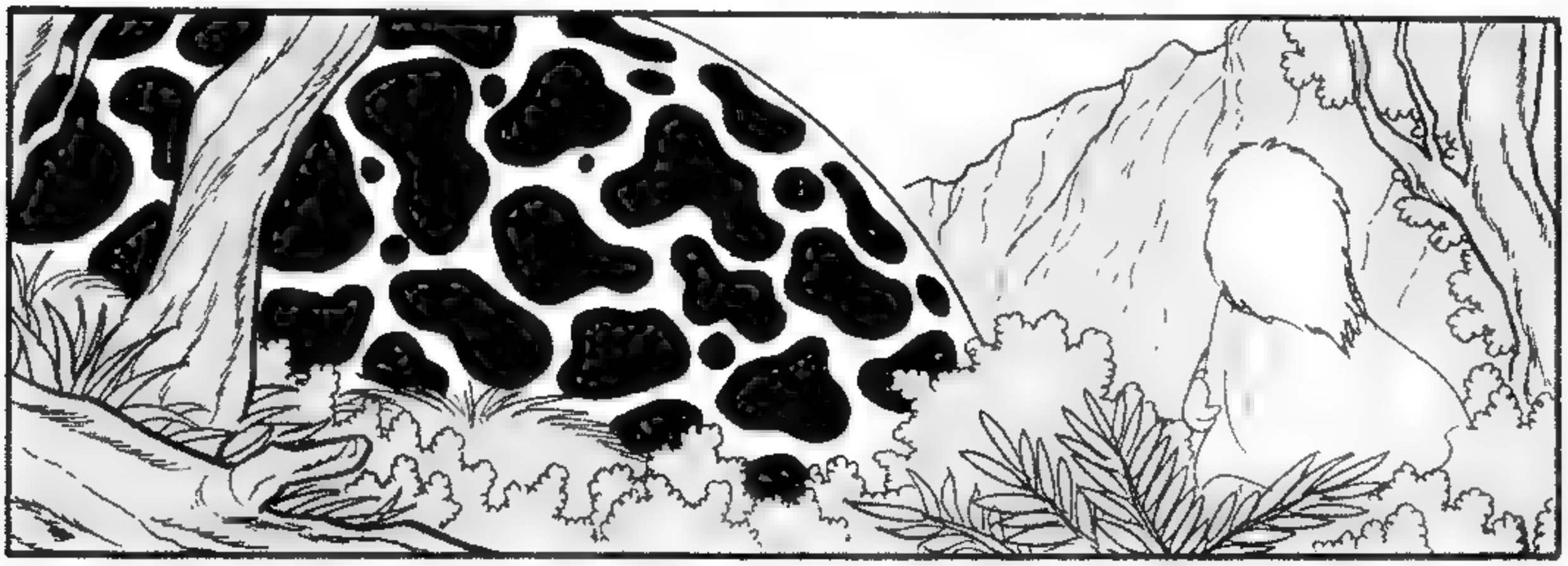
GRRR

GROWL

CAW CAW CAW

HA HA HA. SILLY KITTY.

GYAA
GE
GE
ZZZAP



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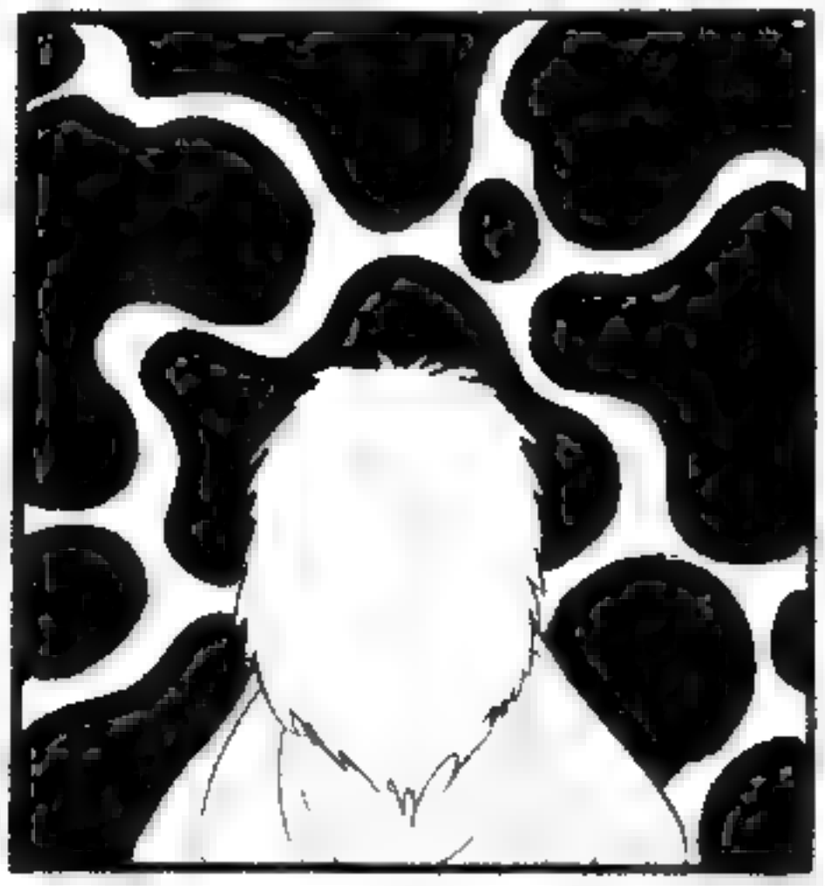

Squeak
Squeak

Squeak

GREET-
INGS.

DR.
URANUS.

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP

HE'S A MOUSE, NOT A RAT. BUT YES, EITHER WAY ANNOYING.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT LITTLE RAT IS STILL POKING AROUND!

Squeak Squeak

WOULD YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED A RAT?

WHAT?

GET BACK HERE! PERHAPS THERE'S A PLEASANT STUDY TO WHICH I CAN DONATE YOU!

HE'S NUT-TERS.

Squee Squee Squee

HUH?! IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT YOU LITTLE SPY?!

KLAK

. . . . . .

DA DA DA

THE MOUSE KNOWS WHAT IT'S DOING. IT'S RUNNING CIRCLES JUST TO TEASE DR. URANUS.

HA HA HA!

KNOCK

CHAK

DOCTOR...

ENOUGH OF THIS FOOLISHNESS. I'LL BE BACK LATER.

Squee Squeak

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT CAN'T BE CAUGHT.

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.....

NOW, DR. URANUS ACCIDENTALLY FLIPPED THE SWITCH ON OUR CELL.

QUIET! COMMUNICATE WITHYOUR ELECTRO-WAVE TRANSMITTER.

WHAT YOU ON ABOUT?

007, NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT?

WE SHOULD HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE.

WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?

DON'T BE SO GRATEFUL, PET. T'WAS AN ACCIDENT, REMEMBER.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

DR. URANUS HELPED US ESCAPE!

NOW!

ONE SECOND... I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

YOU KNOW WHAT THE TIKE IS SAYING?

WELL, OF COURSE YOU CAN GUIDE US.

KI KI KI.

DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH US?

AH, PAN.

KI KI KI KI.

NOW, PLEASE. HELP US ESCAPE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM, PAN. I TRUST YOU.

KI KI.

KI!

LISTEN UP, PIPSQUEAK. YOU BETTER NOT BE LEADING US UP THE RIVER. AWIGHT?

.....

KI KI KI.

HOLD UP, CHUMS. THIS ONE'S MINE.

SHH.

KI?

SHHP

POW

KLOP

I'VE GOT YOUR TAILS, MATES.

I'VE GOT HIM! HURRY! RUN!

UGHHH!

THIS WAY?

KI.

THUD

RIGHT HERE, LOVE.

SHOULD WE WAIT FOR 007?

KI KI.

A TUNNEL?

IT'S THE AROMA THAT GETS YA.

DO

DO

DO

DO

OOO, THE SEWER.

WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

DOO

DOO

UH, ARE WE SUPPOSED TO JUMP INTO THAT?

DO

DO

DO

DO

AH, IT'S A WHIRLPOOL. SO THIS FLOWS STRAIGHT OUTSIDE THEN?

OH! YOU MEAN, WE CAN CLIMB AROUND THROUGH THIS CHASM?

KII.

PLEASE TELL ME WE DON'T HAVE TO JUMP IN THERE.

KII.

HUH?

FREAKY! I'M ACTUALLY BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE LITTLE RUNT.

AH, WHO CARES? WE'RE OUTTA HERE!

IS THAT... SOME SORT OF ALARM?

POOR DR. URANUS.

BUT WE SHOULD HURRY ANYWAY!

AND GOOD LUCK CATCHING US NOW!

THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HIM!

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I KNOW YOU SET THEM FREE, YOU DIRTY TRAITOR!

BUT HE HELPED US ESCAPE!

SHOULD'NA SHACKED UP WITH BLACK GHOST.

PLEASE, 007. DON'T BE ANGRY. IT'S JUST... I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH MYSELF.

OKAY, I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU DO. WHATEVER. GET OUT OF HERE. I'LL GET THE CODGER.

YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO TURN AROUND AND SAVE HIM, DO YOU?

WE CAN'T LET HIM DIE!

KI KI.

ARE WE FINALLY OUT?

WHAT IS IT?

KI KII.

AAAH!

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SPLI-

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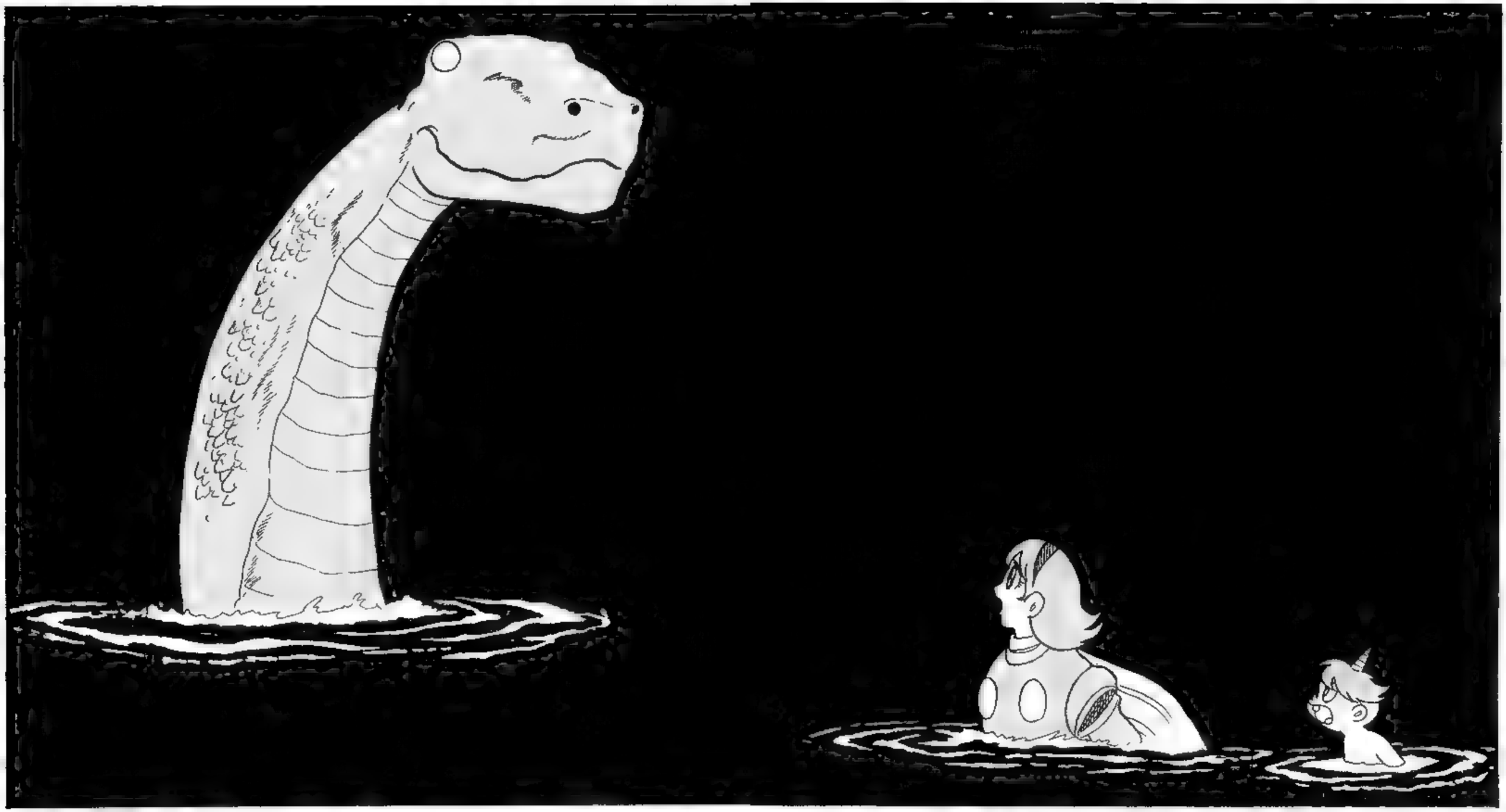
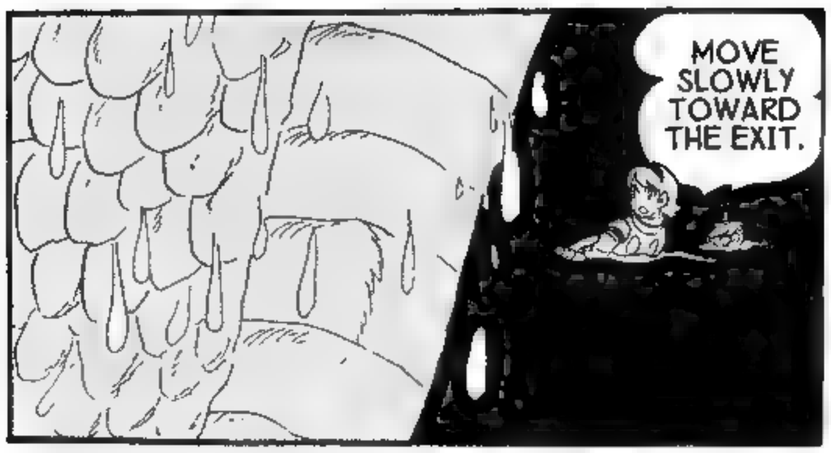
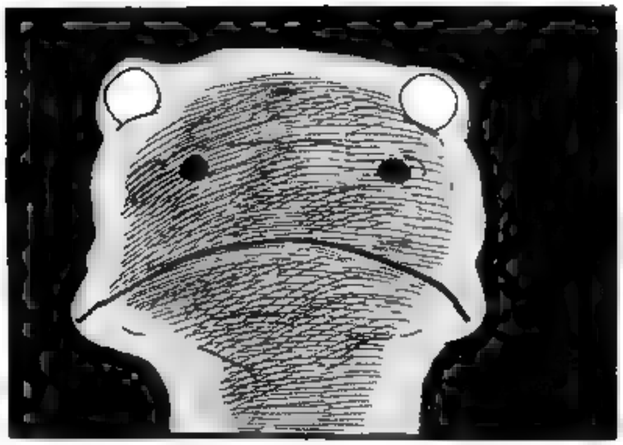



MOVE SLOWLY TOWARD THE EXIT.

SHH! HOLD STILL, PAN.
KII KIIIP!!



HOWEVER, I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST BLACK GHOST...

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT TO ACTUALLY BE A DINOSAUR...

KI... KI KI.

.....

...TO COMBINE CYBORG TECHNO-LOGY...

...WITH JURASSIC EVOLUTION!

GRAA

WHAT?

GRROOOWL

PAGH PAGH

HURRY, PAN! SWIM AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

ROOAAAAR!

ZA

ZAA

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

AGGGH!

GROOOWL

ROAR!

BZZT

SPLASH

OOF

AHH!

SPLASH

AH!

OH NO!

SPLASH

BUB BUB BUB

I DROPPED MY BLASTER!

PASH

PASH

GRAA

I SEE THE OPEN-ING...

NAAA

SUN-LIGHT!

SWIM FOR IT!

OUZT

OUZT

SPLASH

SPLASH

WHEW.

ZAAA

ZAAA

YES, VERY GOOD WORK, ZERO ZERO!

WE MADE IT.

HUH, HUH, HUH... LUCKY US...

AAAAH!

HUH?

HA HA HA.

BLUB

HE CAN'T CHASE US DOWN HERE.

HURRY, PAN!

HA HA HA! THAT'S RIGHT!

I FORGOT! PAN CAN'T BREATHE UNDERWATER.

PUSH

.....

OF COURSE, HE CAN'T BREATHE VERY WELL WITH MY ARM AROUND HIS THROAT EITHER!

GRAB

KAH

I HAVE A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YOU.

HEY, OPEN UP!

HEH HEH HEH.

HOW MANY DO YOU WANT?

WHAT, ONLY TWO OF THEM?

I WAS ARGUING WITH THAT TRAITOR URANUS, AND SUDDENLY, WHAM! IT FELT LIKE A TON OF BRICKS HAD HIT ME!

I TELL YOU, IT CAME FROM OUTTA NOWHERE!

POCK カ-ン カ-ン POCK

WHAT ABOUT THE BALD ONE? AND DR. URANUS?

PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK LATER.

I NEVER DREAMED THAT I WOULD ONE DAY WIND UP BEING SAVED BY MY OWN INVENTION.

THAT WAS ONE OF MY TOUCHES.

HAH! SEE? THAT MOLECULAR TRANSFORMATION CAMOUFLAGE COMES IN HANDY SOMETIMES.

AFTER THIS SPOT, YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.

PAN LED ME TO RIGHT HERE.

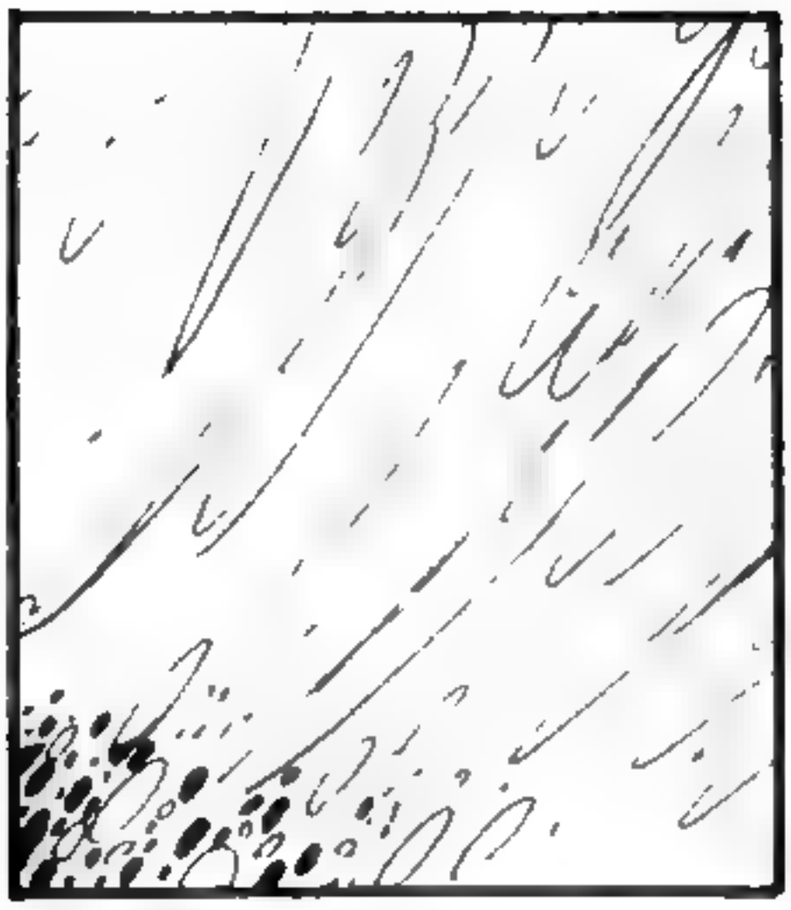
OH DEAR.

IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE SOME SWIMMING AHEAD OF US.

ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING?

DON'T WORRY. PAN LED ME THROUGH HERE ONCE ALREADY.

I'D HAVE BEEN GONE NOW IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO SAVE YOU!



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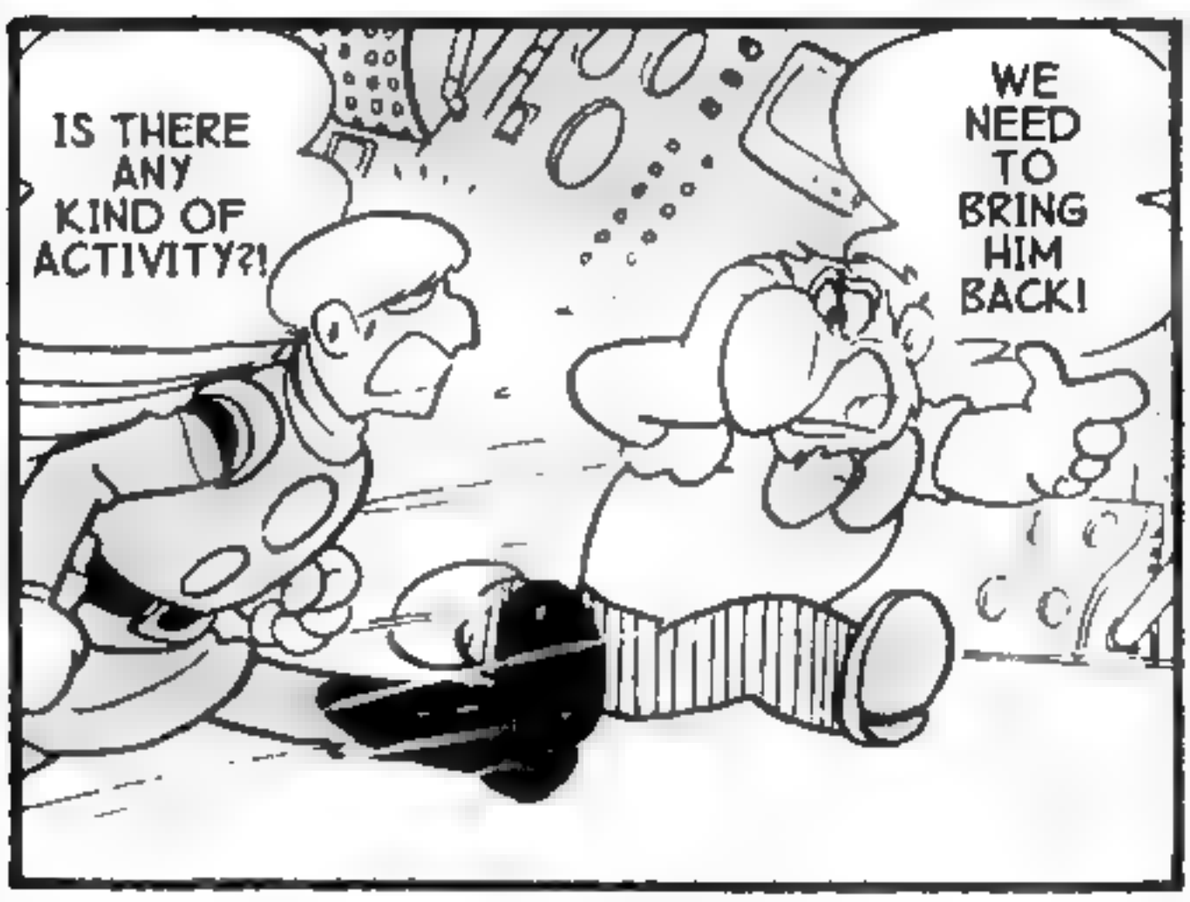

IS THERE ANY KIND OF ACTIVITY?!
WE NEED TO BRING HIM BACK!

NOT EVEN EPIDURAL STIMULATION!

NOTHING!

OH MY GOD!

009!

HARDLY. HIS BRAIN WAVES HAVE FLATLINED.

HMM M.

I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING. I CAN'T EVEN GET HIS CYBERNETIC CIRCULATORY OR REPERTORY SYSTEMS TO WORK!

OH... OH NO...

THE CLOSEST BLACK GHOST FACILITY I KNOW OF IS BACK IN VIETNAM. HIS BRAIN WILL HAVE COMPLETELY DETERIORATED BY THEN.

009! WAKE UP, 009!

IF ONLY I HAD BETTER TOOLS! THE EQUIPMENT HERE IS ARCHAIC!

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE FROM THE SUB.

DAMMIT, 009!

IF I JUST HAD THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT... THE RIGHT TOOLS...!!

Goo goo!

YAAAH.

TOO LATE FOR WHAT?

HURRY! I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

001! YOU'RE AWAKE!!

GOOD MORNING, TEAM.

WAIT!

YES. I'VE FAILED HIM.

009 IS DEAD? IT CAN'T BE.

.....

HMMM.

WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO?

OOF! YOU'RE ALIVE!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE DID IT!!

WHAT?

ZOUNDS!

HOW-EVER.

009 IS NOT DEAD. NOT YET ANYWAY.

001, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

HE'S ...

.....

AYE!

THAT WILL AT LEAST BUY US SOME TIME WHILE WE REPLACE HIS ARTIFICIAL HEART.

OUR ONLY HOPE AT THIS POINT IS TO GET HIM INTO COLD STORAGE.

WE STILL NEED TO ACT QUICKLY.

YOUR TIME OF RECKONING IS HERE!!

CYBORGS! HELEN HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED TO US!

ZA

ZA

ZA

KLANG

GUYS! WE HAVE A PROBLEM!!

IT'S 005!

GE

GE

GE

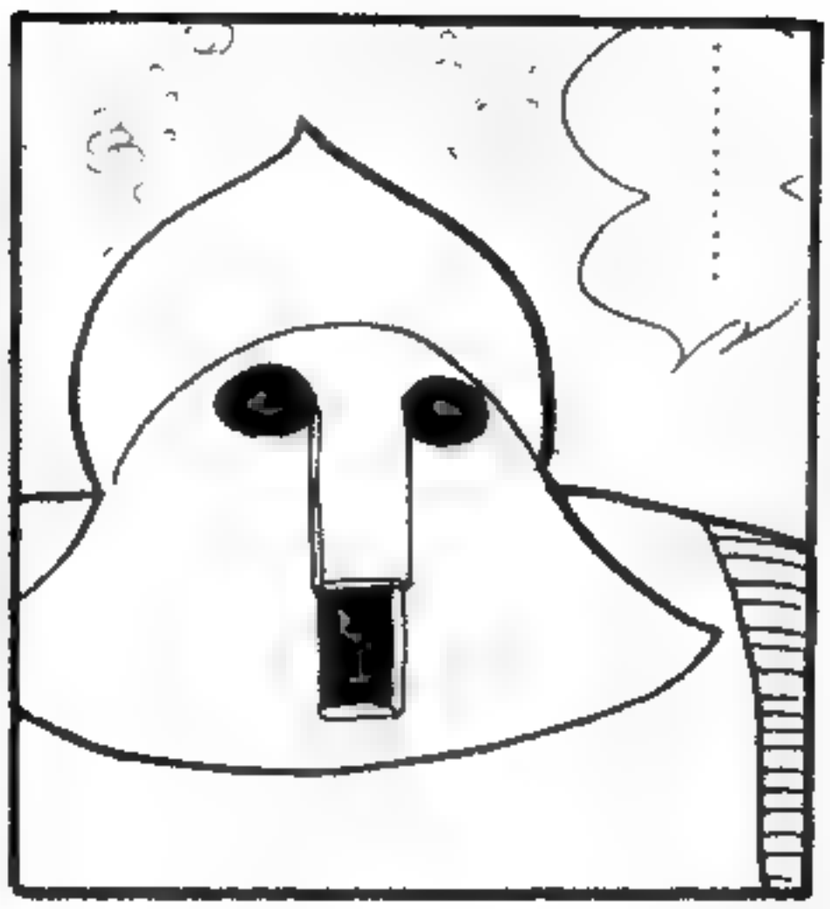
GLUB

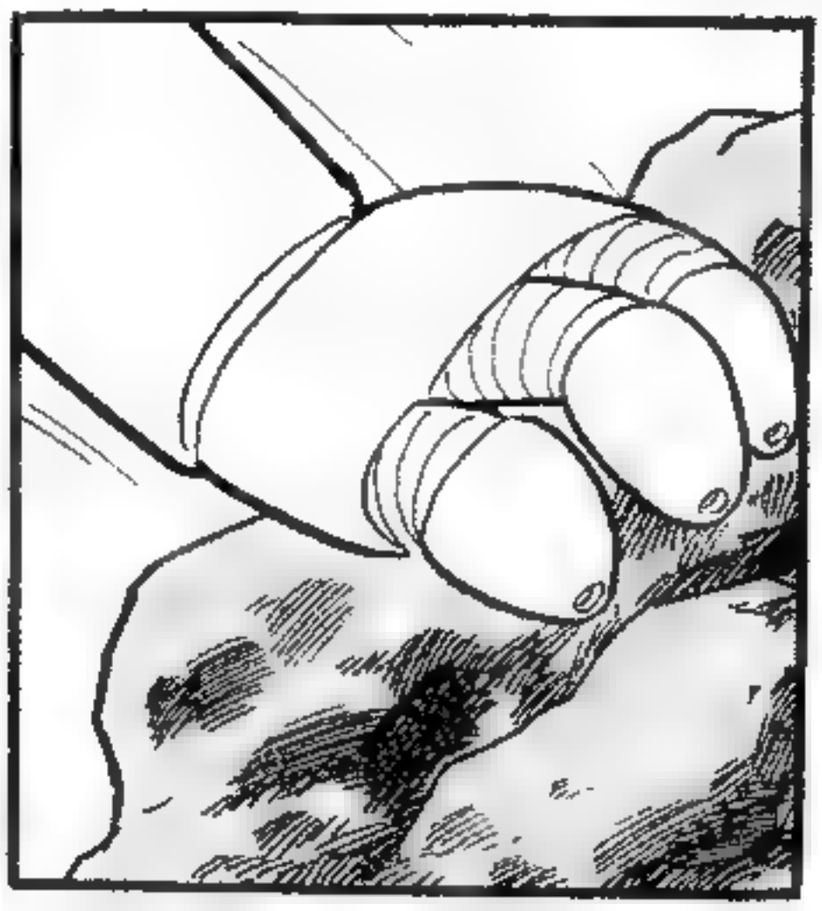
GLUB

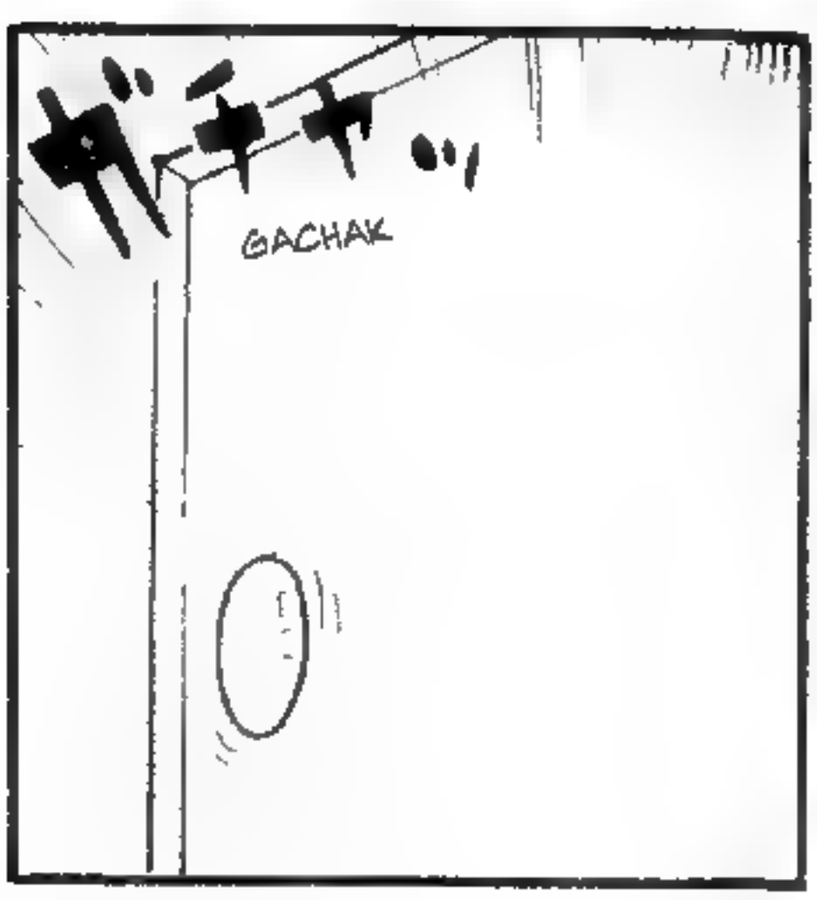
WOON

WOON

WOON



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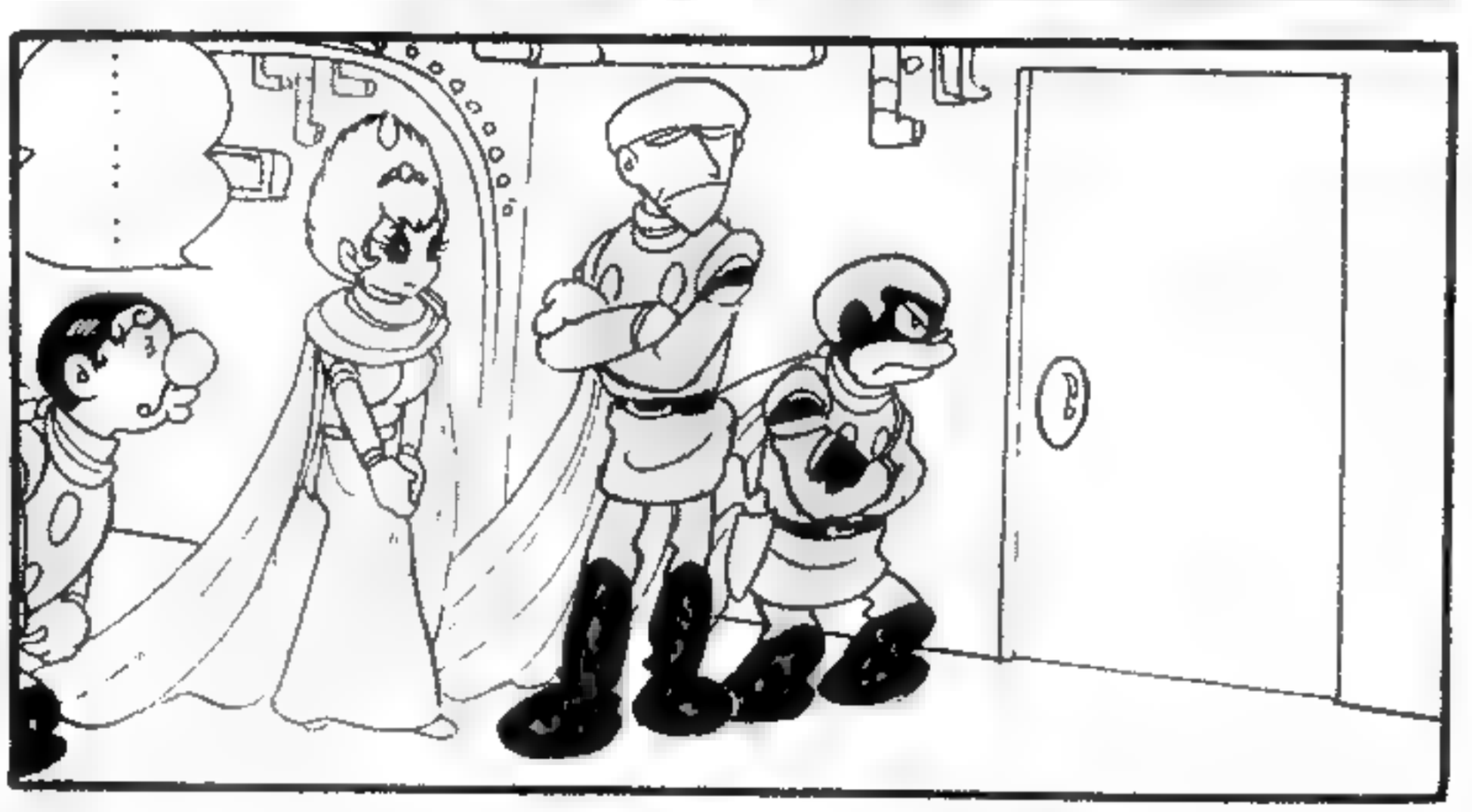
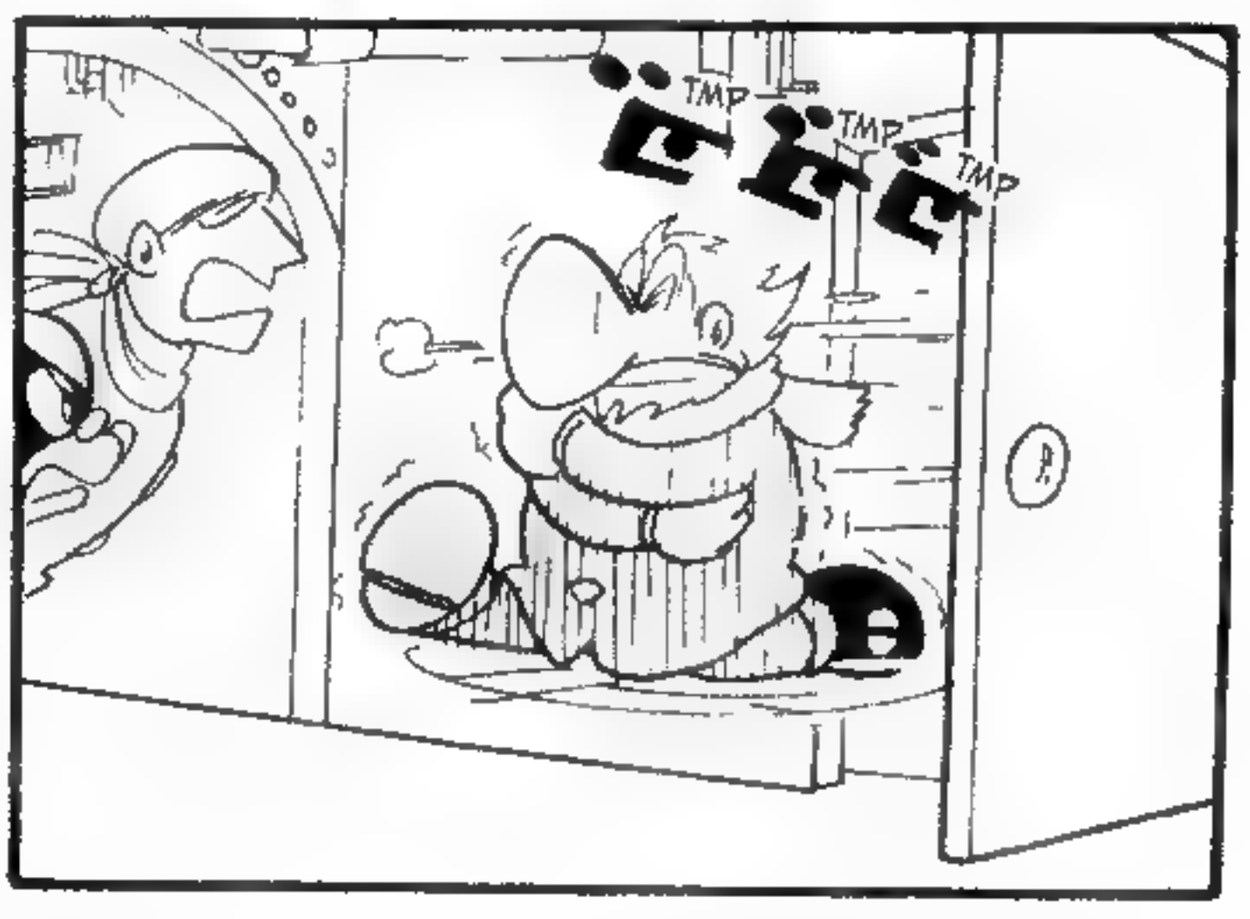


IT'S FREEZ-ING IN THERE!!
HUFF HUFF DAMN ...!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SLAM

SHIVER SHIVER

GOTTA KEEP GOING! WORK TO DO!

WHA...?

HE'S JUST A HUMAN. HOW'S HE DEALING WITH THE COLD IN THERE?

HE'S CONDUCTING HIS REPAIRS IN THE REFRIGERATION ROOM.

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ATLAS!

I SHOULD TURN MYSELF OVER TO HIM.

I DON'T THINK SO, PRINCESS! YOU'RE WITH US NOW!

THAT GIANT IS PILING MORE ROCKS ON TOP OF US.

WHAT NOW?

GA

GA

GA

BUT WE SHALL USE A DIFFERENT STRATEGY.

WE MUST FACE HIM AGAIN.

WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE? I'M PERFORMING A DELICATE OPERATION!!

GA

GA

GA

RELEASE HELENA, CYBORGS!

I'LL GO WITH YOU.

.....

BE TRUE TO YOUR WORD!

WHAT?!

PAK

BANG

OOF

BANG

BANG

BANG

THE ROCKS ARE AT-TACKING ME?!

KA-TAK

BANG

BANG

BANG

BANG

BANG

001.

IT'S QUIET NOW! WHAT'S GOING ON?!

UH... UHHH...

LET'S ROCK.

HEAD OUT.

AND NOW THE SUBMARINE IS FREE.

I'VE NOW USED THE ROCKS ON HIM.

IT'S JUSTICE.

WE'RE NOT MOVING. THE ENGINES HAVE STOPPED.

WHAT'S WRONG?

THAT'S ODD.

AND WE HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS BEFORE HE FADES AGAIN.

GOOD THING 001 WOKE UP WHEN HE DID.

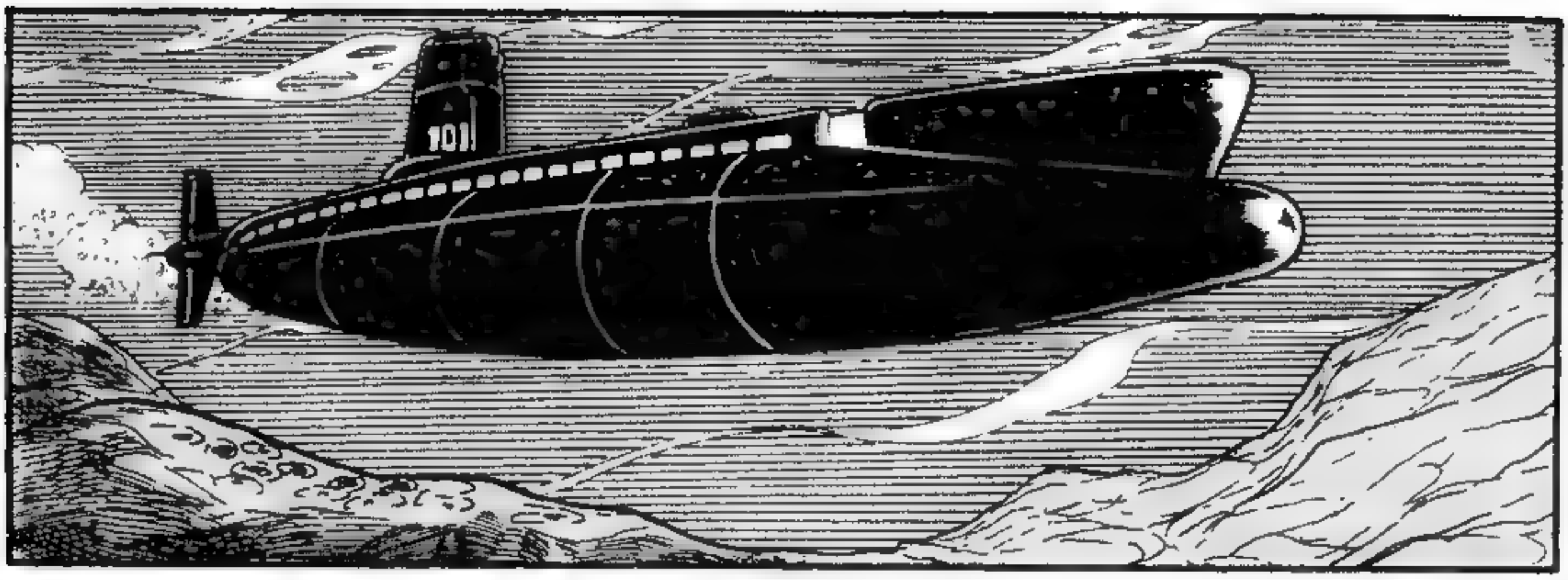
START ON REPAIRING THE DAMAGE.

THE ROCKS MUST HAVE DAMAGED THEM.

BUB BUB BUB BUB

. . . . . .

I'LL KEEP THE SUB MOVING TEMPO-RARILY.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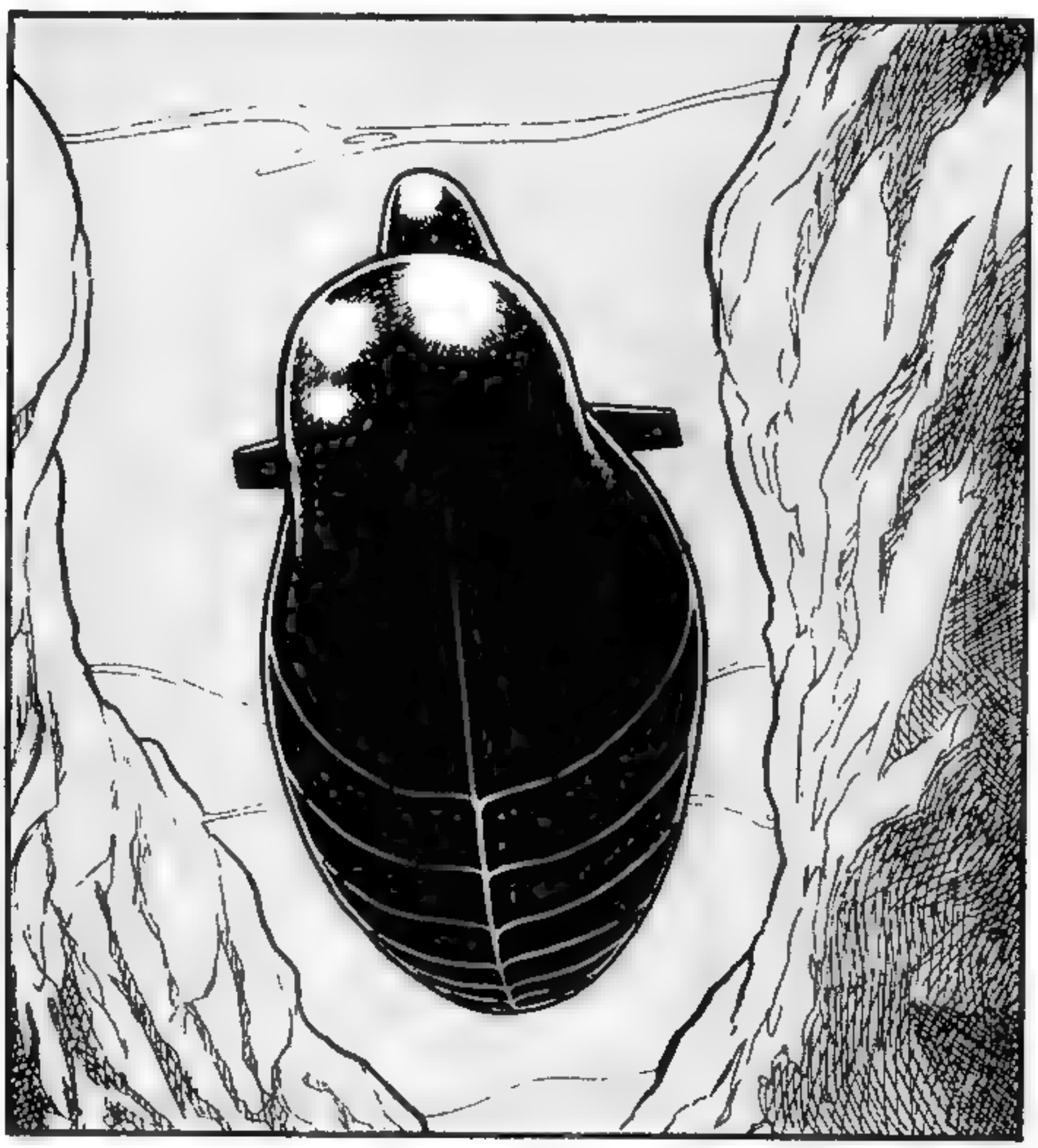


OHHH.

GEK

WOON

WOON

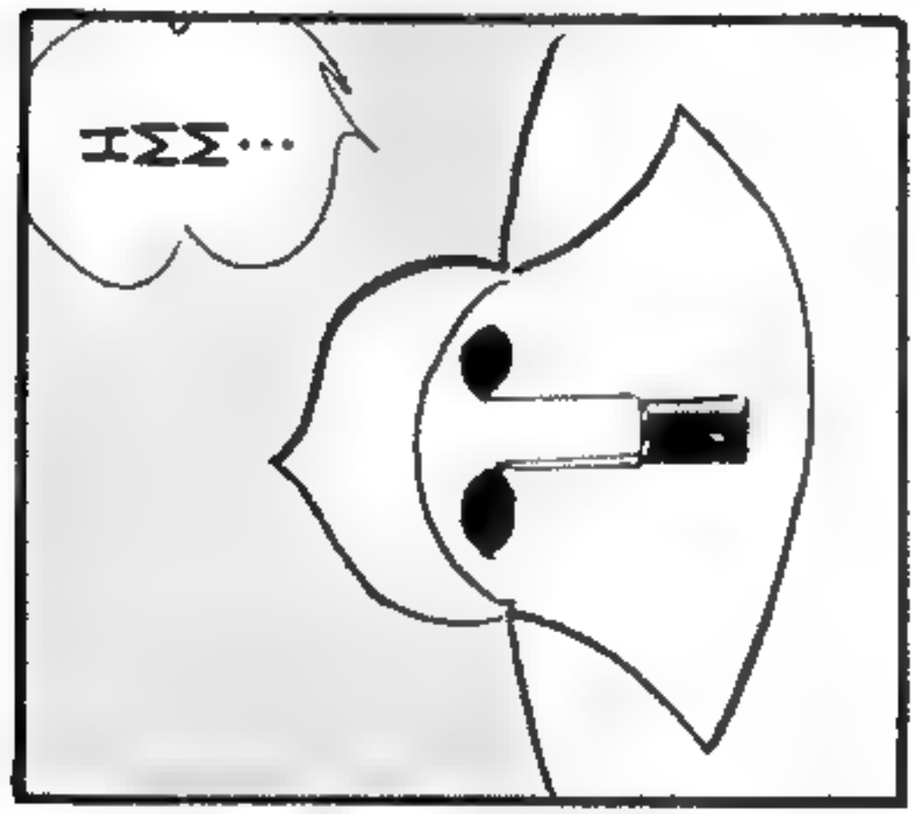
PAH

PSSSH

GEK

AH!

HAAE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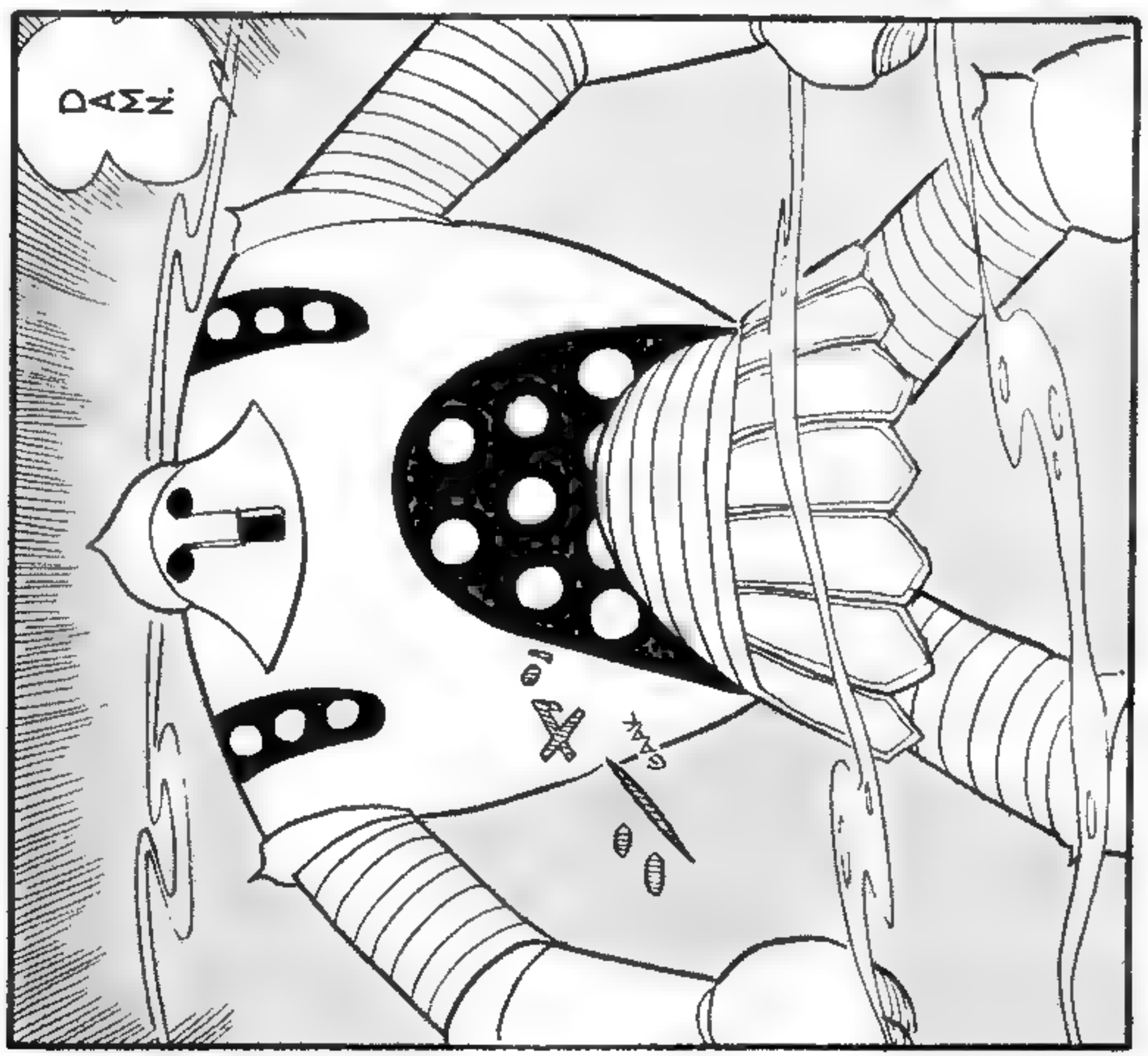
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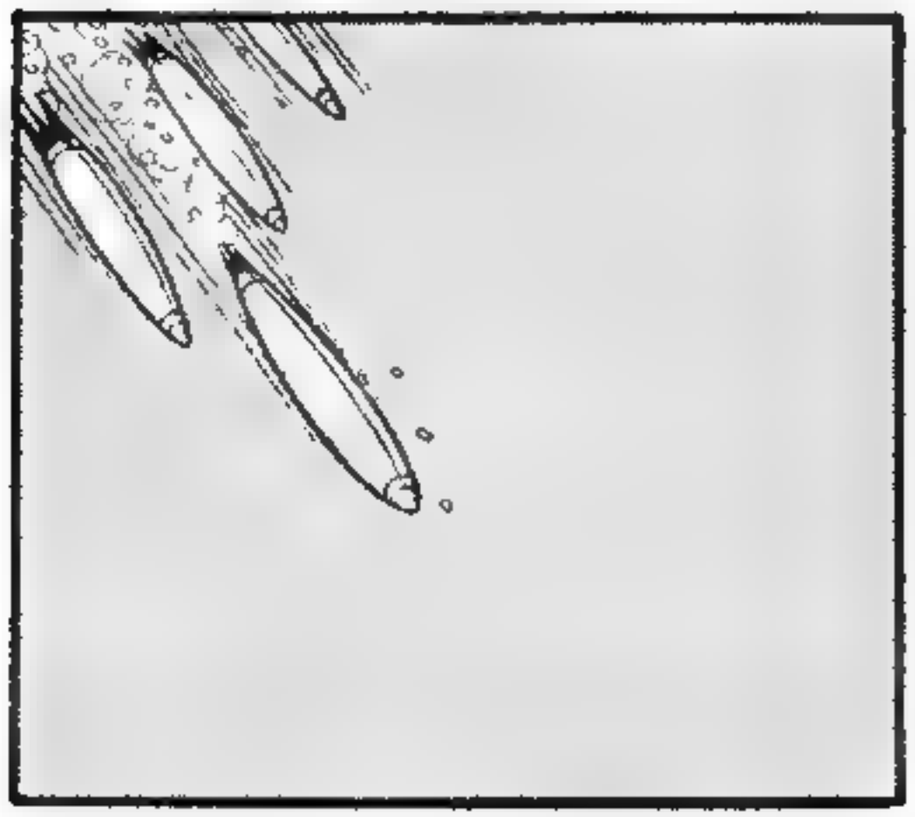
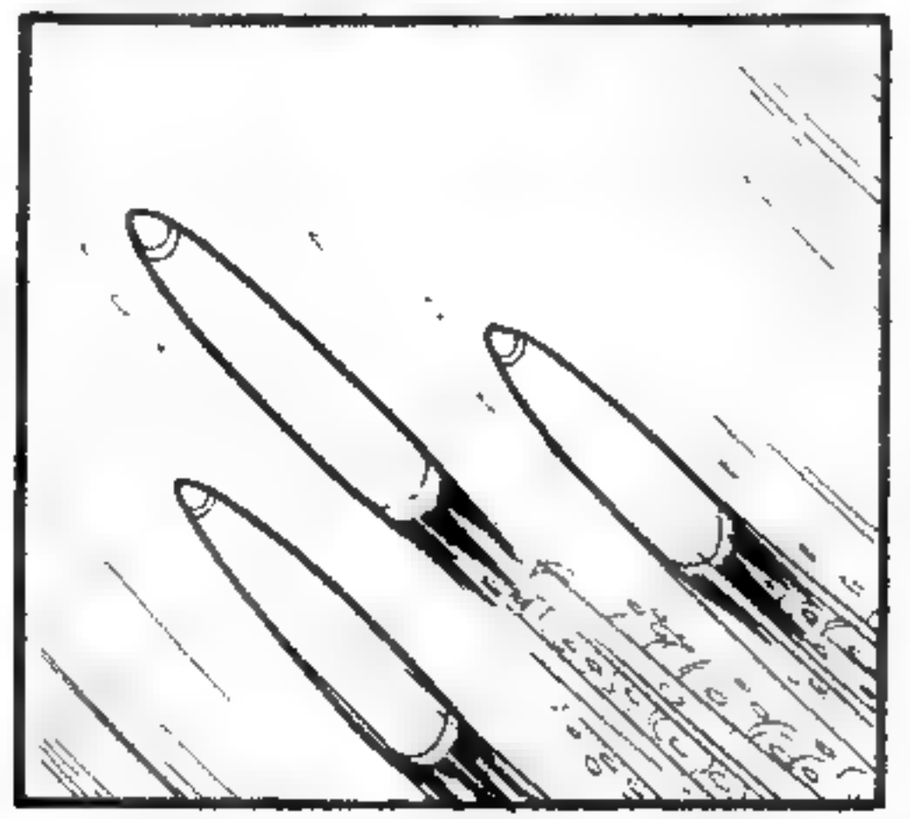




BOOM

PWWH

BOOM

AGH!

TURN

TURN

BA

BOOM

KEEP FIGHTING ...

GOT TO... SAVE HER...

HELENA...

PSHA

FWWZ

PSSH

PSSH

GAA

GA

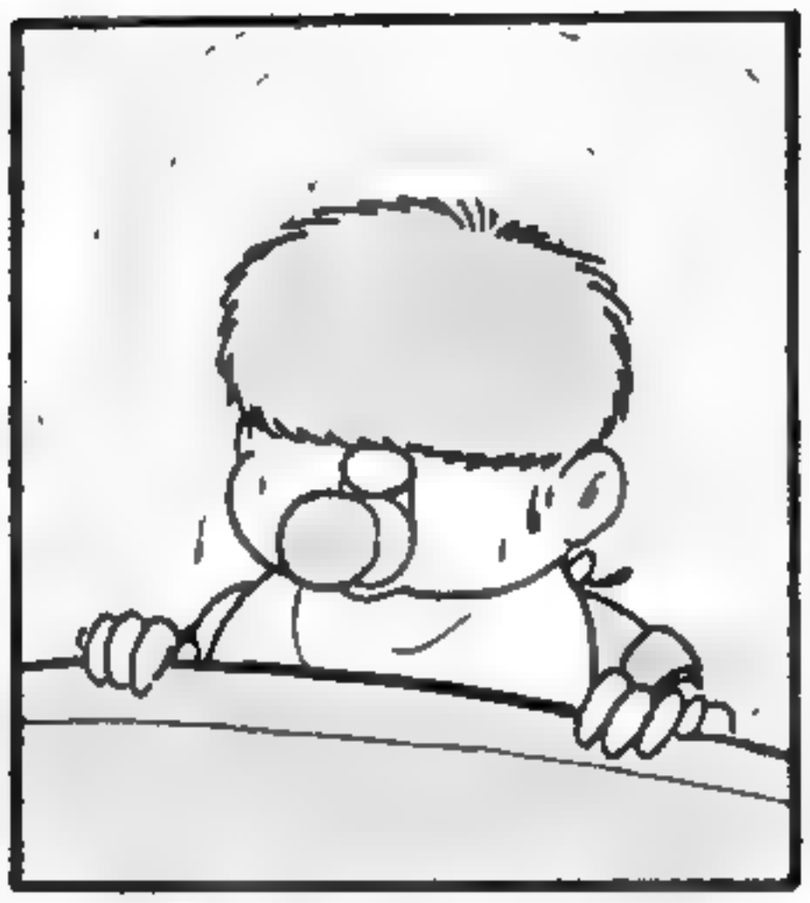
GA

GA

AH.

BAK

101



IN-
COMING!

BA
BOOOOOOM

BUB

BU

BU

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!

SPLASH

WHAT? WHERE IS IT?

SPLASH

THEY COULDN'T HAVE JUST DISAP-PEARED?

IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF TRICK!

I WAS JUST ABOUT TO HIT THEM!

SPLASH

ZA

ZA

ZA

HEY!

KLANK

101

I TELE-PORTED US!

EXACTLY.

IS THAT ROBOT GONE?

LOOK AT WHAT?

LOOK AT THAT!

WE ARE WELL OUT OF THE WAY OF THE ENEMY, WHICH WILL GIVE DR. GILMORE TIME TO RESUSCITATE 009.

THAT'S RIGHT.

WHAT? WE'RE FIVE HUNDRED MILES AWAY?!

IN JUST THE BLINK OF AN EYE...

I TELE-PORTED US FIVE HUNDRED MILES NORTH!

003 AND 007 ARE STILL ON MAGMA ISLAND!

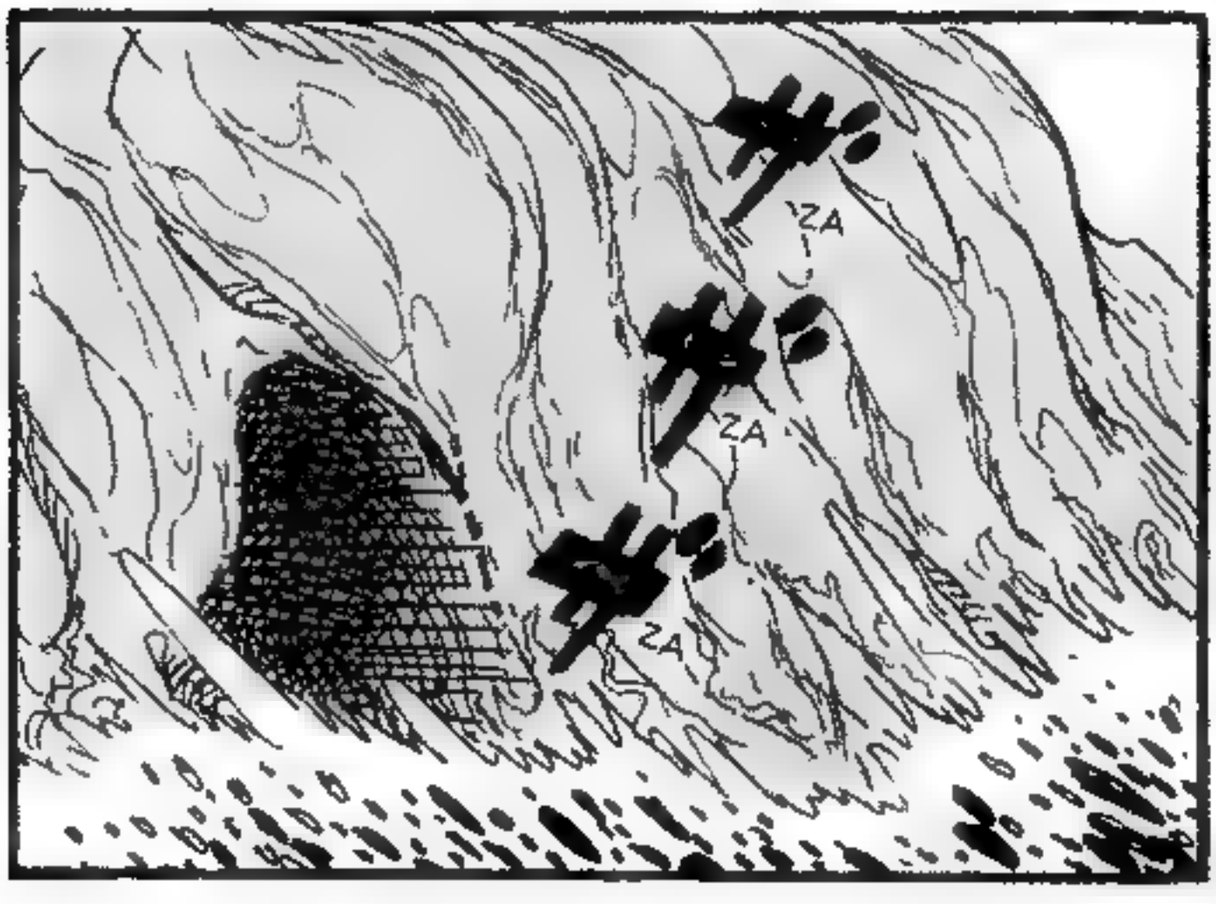
DAMN!

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S 003?

004 AND HIS TEAM WILL REPAIR THE ENGINES.

AND NOW I'D LIKE SOME MILK.

TWO WEEKS ASLEEP MAKE A CHILD HUNGRY.



HMM. ARE YOU READY TO GET GOING, DOCTOR?

NO. IT'S THE WAVES RISING AND FALLING.

THAT LIGHT AHEAD IS BLINKING.

HMPH.

GET BACK OUT THERE AND TRACK DOWN URANUS AND THE BALD ONE!

LEAVE THESE TWO HERE, CENTAURUS D.

...AND THEY WANT TWO MORE!

BRING THEM TWO...

KLOP

KLOP

KLOP

THEY'RE PROBABLY HEADED DOWN THE SAME PASSAGEWAY!

POKE

SPLASH

YIKES! IT'S A MONSTER!!

SWIM! SWIM FOR YOUR LIFE!

THAT'S NO CYBORG. THAT'S A REAL DINOSAUR!

DIDN'T KNOW THE BLACK GHOST COULD MAKE CYBORG'S THAT BIG!

WHAT IS THAT, DOCTOR?

WELL, NOW'S NOT THE TIME EITHER!

...BUT I'VE NEVER HAD THE TIME.

BLAST!

HE'S BEEN DWELLING IN THIS CAVE EVER SINCE THE PREHISTORIC ERA. I'VE BEEN MEANING TO STUDY HIM...

?

THIS MIGHT BE A ROUGH RIDE!

IT'S TIME TO BOOGIE, BLOKE!

PUT YOUR HEAD DOWN AND HOLD ON AS TIGHT AS YOU CAN.

GOING SOME-WHERE?

WHAP

HE HE.

UGH-

SPLASH

YEAH, WE'RE GOING SOME-WHERE! CARE TO JOIN US?

GET BACK HERE ...

WELL, HOW AGILE ARE YA?!

HAH! IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO BITE INTO ARTIFICIAL SKIN!

OOPS! I CHIPPED A TOOTH.

CHOMP

DIDN'T THINK SO!

...YOU LOUSY LITTLE SNAKE!

I'M JUST FINE, DOCTOR. LET'S GO.

ARE YOU OKAY, 007?

ATLAS, DID THE CYBORGS ESCAPE?

OR WERE THEY A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR YOU?

GAA

HMPH!

AND?

I CAME UPON THEIR VESSEL AND ATTACKED WITH EVERYTHING I HAD.

I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES AND STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT.

THE ART OF TRANS-FORMING MATTER WITH THE MIND!

A MASTER OF TELE-KINESIS.

WHAT'S THAT?

ESPER?

THEY VANISHED, DIDN'T THEY? THERE'S AN ESPER AMONG THEM.

FIND THEM!

GO, MY MINIONS!

HOWEVER, I TOO AM A MASTER!

TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE!

HEH HEH!

WAH HA HA HA HA HA HA!

...BEFORE WE CUT SHORT THE LIFE OF YOUR DARLING 003!

YOU HAVE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO RETURN TO MAGMA ISLAND...

WE ALREADY HAVE ONE OF YOU, YOU WORTHLESS TRAITORS!

HA

HA

HA

IF YOUR TEAMMATES REALLY CARE ABOUT YOU...

WE'LL SEE HOW MUCH OF AN ASSET TO THE TEAM YOU TRULY ARE.

BWA HA HA HA HA

AND, IF NOT, YOU'LL BE NO LOSS TO THEM...

...THEY'LL BE HERE IN THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

YES. 003 IS IN GRAVE DANGER!

DOCTOR! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

...OR TO US!

I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO START LOOKING FOR THAT EITHER.

WELL, THIS IS A TIGHT SPOT WE'RE IN.

WELL... MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST HEAD BACK TO THE SUB-MARINE.

I'D GO BACK FOR HER... BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START LOOKING.

STAY HERE, I'LL MAKE SWEEP OF THE AREA.

009, WHERE ARE YA, MATE! WE'RE DYIN' OUT HERE!

I'VE LOOKED IN EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY.

NO LUCK?

JOE!

IS THAT YOU?! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!

...IF NOT "SOME CRAZY DREAM!"

...AND CONJURE YA UP, LIKE IN SOME CRAZY DREAM!

IF ONLY I COULD JUST CLOSE MY EYES...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN...

DR. URANUS! LOOK AT YOU!

WHY, IF IT ISN'T DR. GILMORE!

O HO HO HO.

EASY, 007. WE'RE ALL HERE.

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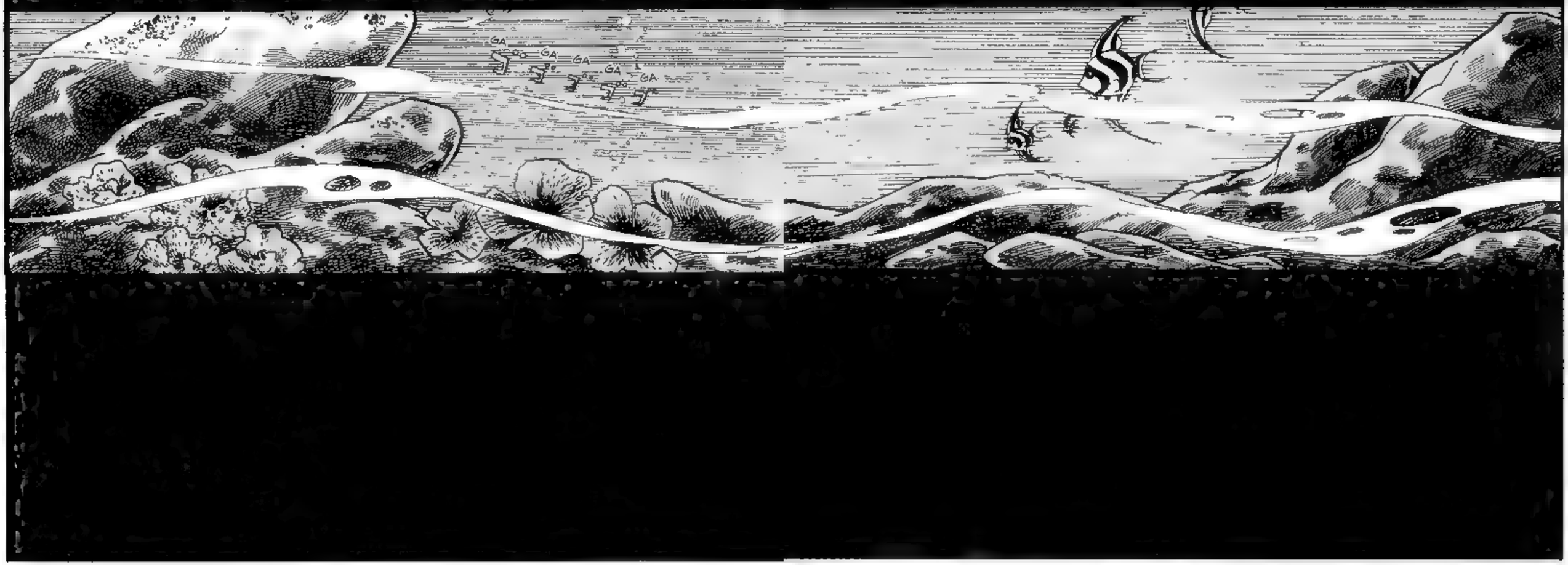
THE FINAL CHAPTER



GARA

GARA

GA GA GA GA GA

DO DO DO DO DO

PERHAPS AN EARTH-QUAKE.

DID YOU FEEL THAT?

GAKOO GAKOO

HUH?

I CAN'T GET A CLEAR READING.

I'M NOT SURE, BUT I DON'T THINK SO.

IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?

WHY?

I FEEL AS IF WE MUST GO BACK TO MAGMA ISLAND.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

PUT ME DOWN, DR. GILMORE.

WAH.

.....

...OF AN INFANT!

I DON'T THINK I'M READY TO TRUST THE UNCLEAR PSYCHIC PREMONI-TIONS...

001, ARE YOU CRAZY?

IS THAT SO?

ONE OF THE MYUTOS CYBORGS HAS PSYCHIC ABILITIES AS WELL.

YES, OF COURSE.

SHAKE

DR. GILMORE, NEVER CALL ME AN INFANT!

ZAAA

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'RE HIDING?

YOU NEVER MENTIONED THIS BEFORE.

ZA

ZAA

LET ME COME WITH YOU.

WAIT.

I'LL TRUST MY YOUTHFUL INSTINCTS ARE SHARPER THAN HIS, THEN.

THE ONLY OTHER THING I KNOW IS THAT HE'S JUST AS POWERFUL AS YOU ARE.

HMM.

...WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE I'LL NEED TO DO.

I'VE ALREADY HELPED YOU OUT OF ONE JAM...

TOO LATE, I'M GOING.

THIS MISSION WILL BE HARD ENOUGH!

I'D RATHER YOU NOT.

AND OFF THEY GO. GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO.

C'MON! WE HAVE TO BE QUICK!

ZA ZA ZA

DO DO DO

DAMN! THEY'VE FOUND US!

CAW

LOOK! BIRDS!

YEAH. IT HANGS IN THE AIR.

IT'S STRANGELY SILENT AROUND HERE.

WE JUST HAVE STRIKE HARDER AND FASTER NOW!

THEY'D FIND OUT WE WERE HERE SOONER OR LATER.

IT DOESN'T MATTER.

WELL, SO MUCH FOR THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.

WATCH OUT!

THE GROUND IS SPLITTING APART!

KRAK

FEELS LIKE AN EARTH-QUAKE!

WHAT'S THIS?!

GA

GA

GA

?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

BLIMEY!

THAT VOL-CANO!

IT DON'T LOOK HAPPY!

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE IT BLOWS.

IT'S THE DOME!

HERE, GUYS!

7's SAMURAI

FWWS
IL
IL
IL
IL
IL

BOOM

ALL RIGHT, 002. YOU FIRST!

ON MY WAY!

GET THEIR EYES OUT OF THE SKY.

GOOD WORK, 002. GET RID OF THOSE BIRDS.

CAW

WILL YA LOOK AT THAT? NOT EVEN A SCRATCH.

CAW

TMP

THUD

LOOK WHO CAME OUT TO PLAY.

°°°

TMP

OOD

BREAK!

WE NEED TO GET BETWEEN THEM AND THE DOME.

STICK TO THE GAME PLAN. MAN ON MAN.

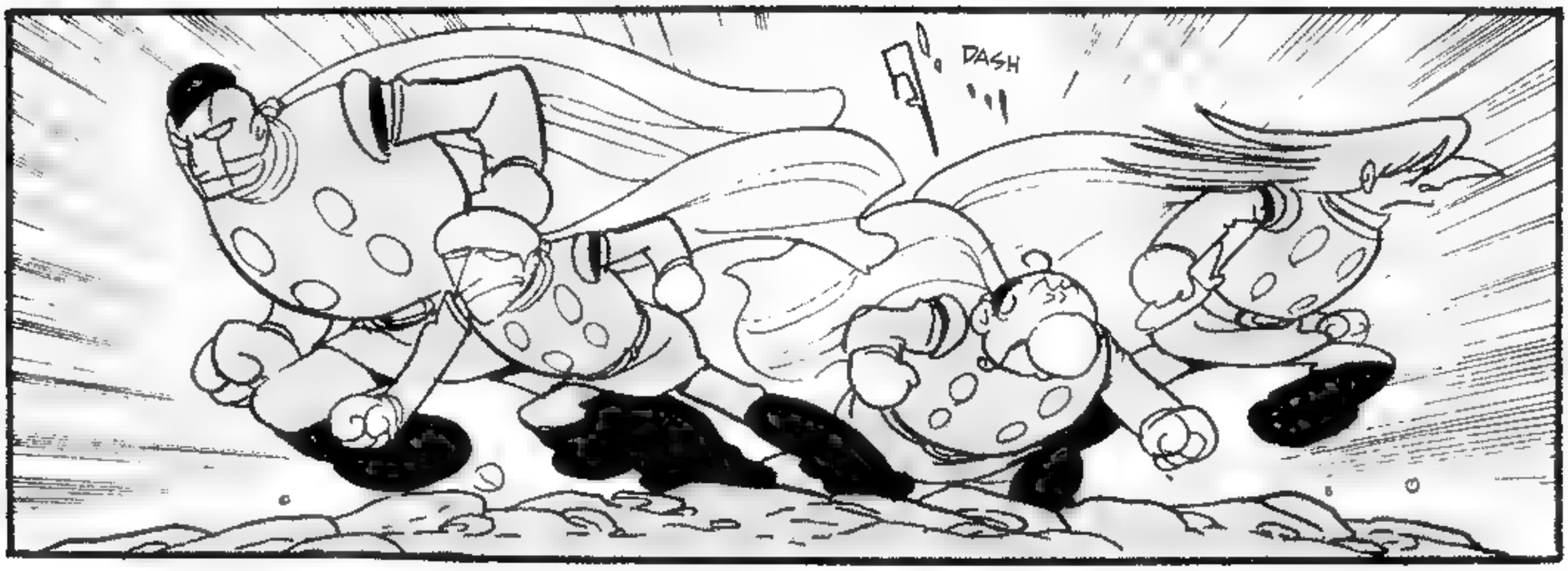
LET'S DO THIS WISELY THOUGH.

THEN LET'S PLAY.

SNORT

GROWL

NEIGH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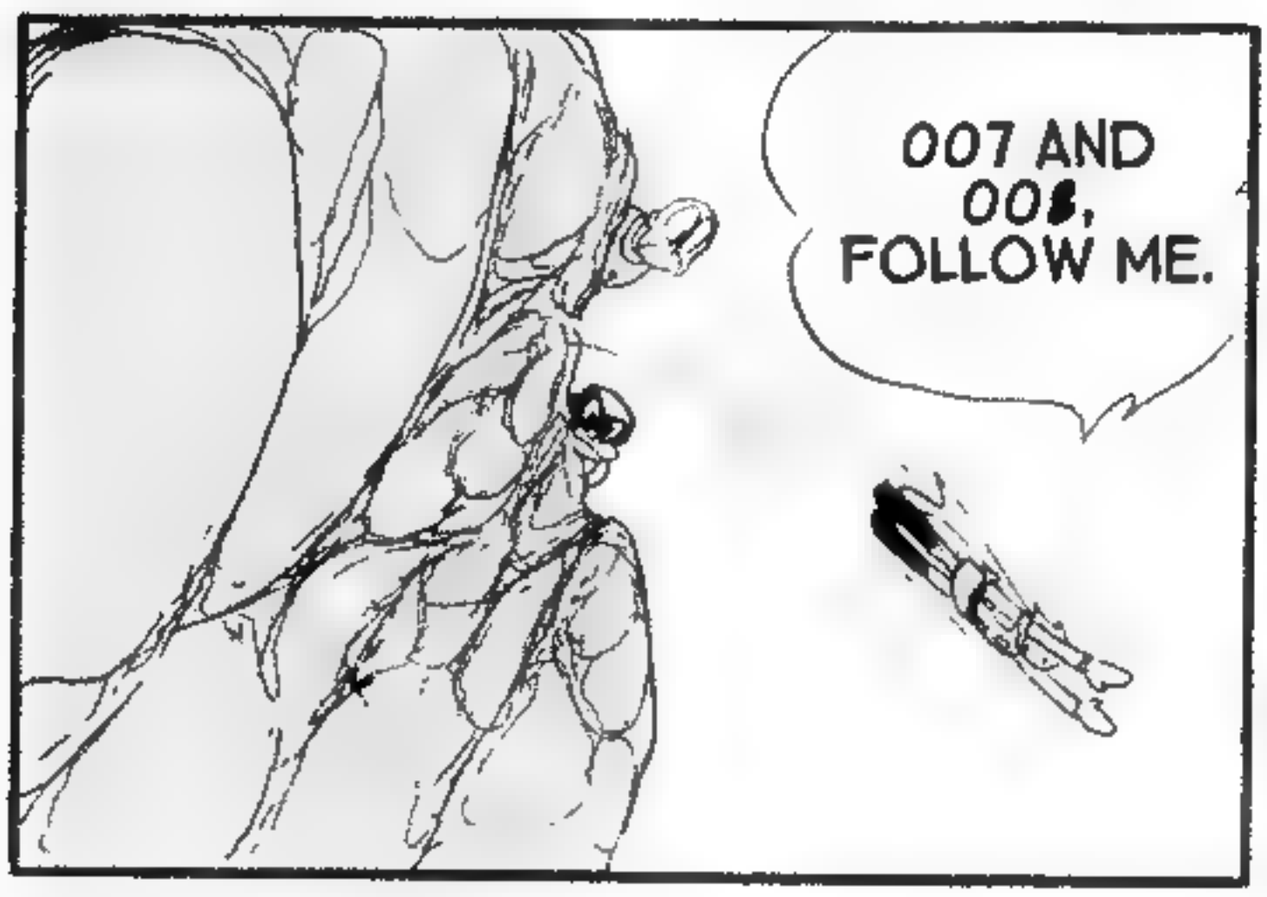
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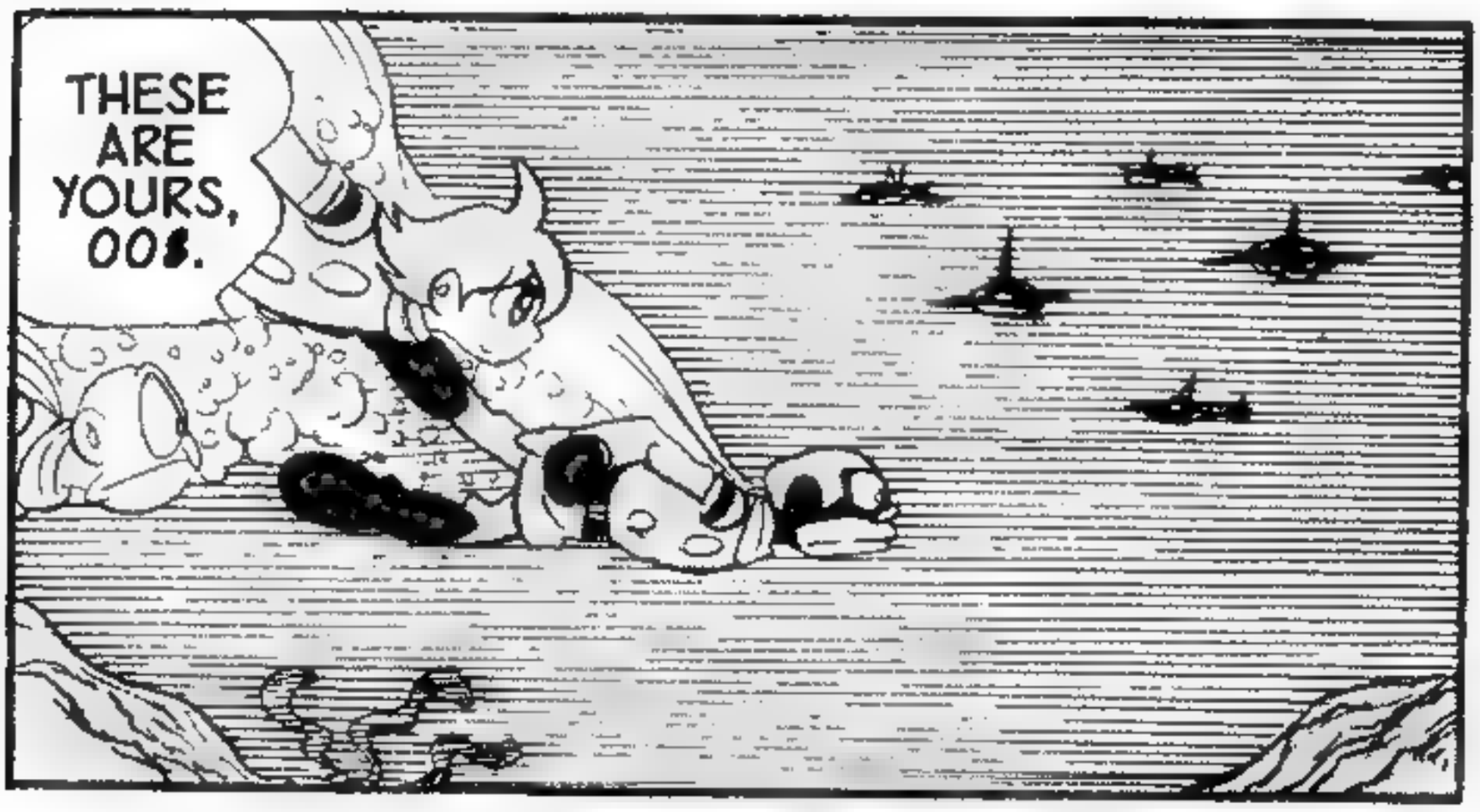
FOLLOW ME.

ZZAP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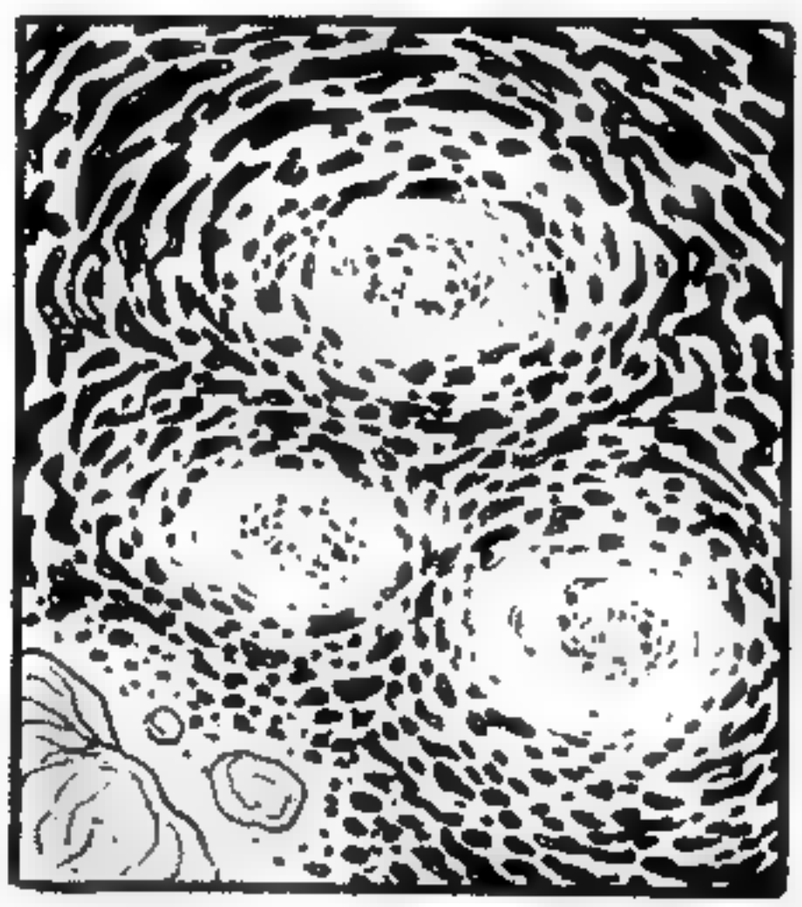

PSSSH

BZZT

DOES THIS LOOK FAMILIAR, 007?

SPLASH

...A HUGE DINO-SAUR!!

BOOM

OH YEAH! THIS IS WHERE WE FOUND...

POW

HAH! AS IF VOLCANOES AND SHARKS WEREN'T ENOUGH!

OMAE!

SPLISH

KEEP MOVING!

YAPJAWI

GA GA GA

MORE FALLING ROCKS?!

I THINK I SEE THE ENTRANCE.

WSSH

KRAK

GARA GARA GARA GARA

WAH!

WE CAN USE THESE EARTHQUAKES TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

HAH! I'M GETTING LUCKY AROUND THESE THINGS.

RIGHT.

007, DISAPPEAR!

SHH.

AND HOW'S THAT THEN?

I'M GONNA STIR THINGS UP IN THIS HIVE.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

...AND GET HER OUT OF HERE.

FIND 003...

IF IT ISN'T 009.

APOLLO!

HUH?

YOU CAME TO RAISE SOME HELL, EH?

GLAD TO SEE YOU SURVIVED.

GRIN

WHAT THE...?!

WSSSH

FLASH

HAVE YOU FOUND 003 YET?

SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF, JOE!

I GUESS IT'S TOO LATE TO GO BACK NOW!

DASH

YOU CAN'T! I'M SURROUNDED BY ELECTRO-MAGNETIC DISASSEMBLY WAVES!

WHAT? I CAME TO SAVE YOU!

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

007! GET OUT OF HERE!

FUNNY YOU SHOULD CALL, 001.

HMPH. WHAT NOW?

REALLY?

ROK

ROK

KRAK

KRAK

BOOM

WHOA! THESE EARTH-QUAKES ARE GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER!

AHHH!

HMM!

SHUU

KRAK

WAH!

KYAAA!

AGGH!!

BOOM

HE'S GONNA HELP SHAKE THINGS UP A BIT!

IT'S ALL PART OF 009'S PLAN!

HMM.

DASH

DASH

HA HA HA.

FWOO

FWOO

GA GA GA

HUFF HUFF HUFF

SNORT

DAMN.

GA GA GA

BAM

GA GA GA

NRRGH!

BZZT

ZZAP

ZZAP

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ZNAP

GE

GE

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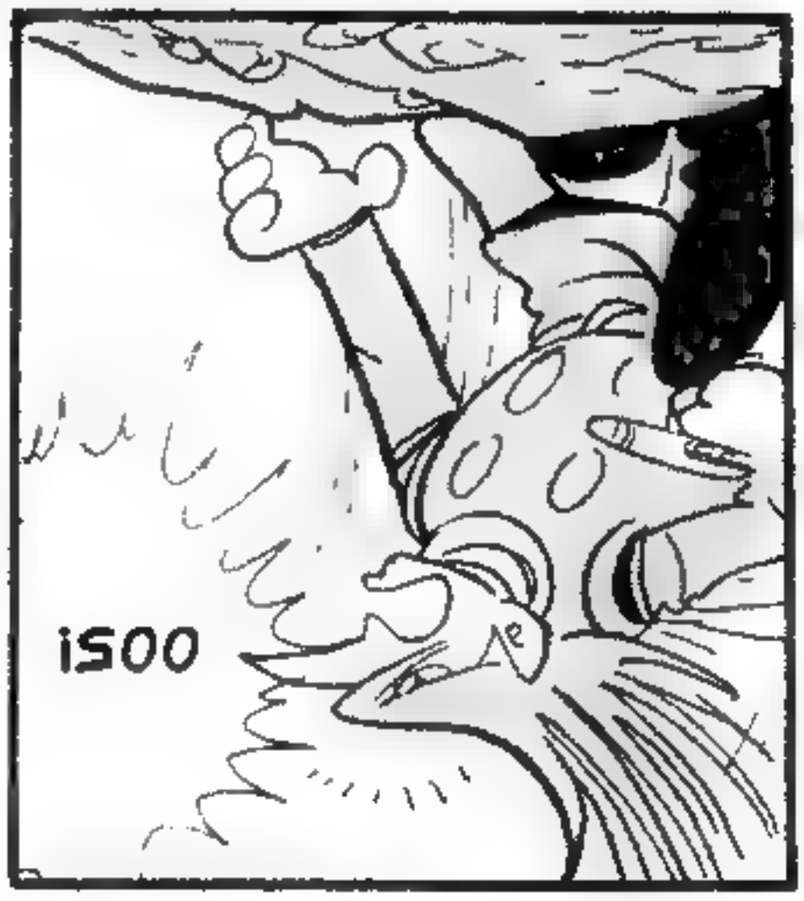
GE

YAAA!

KRAK

WHAM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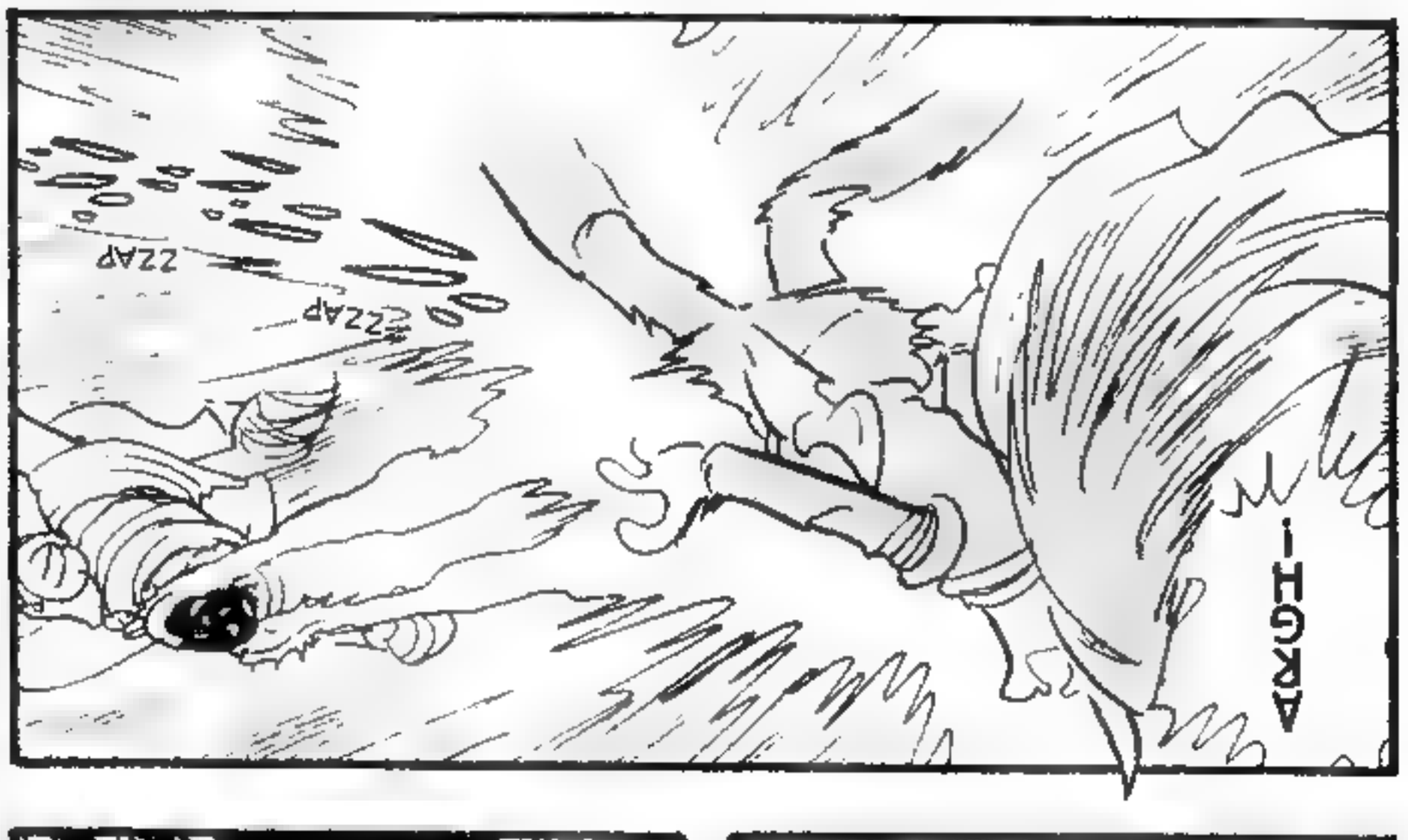
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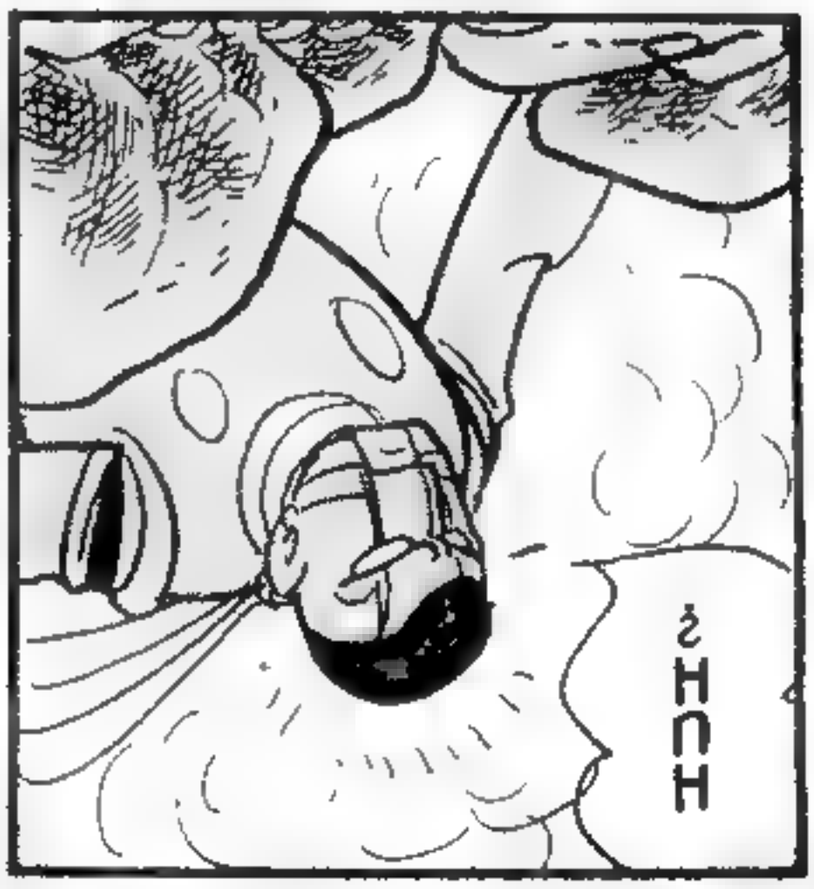
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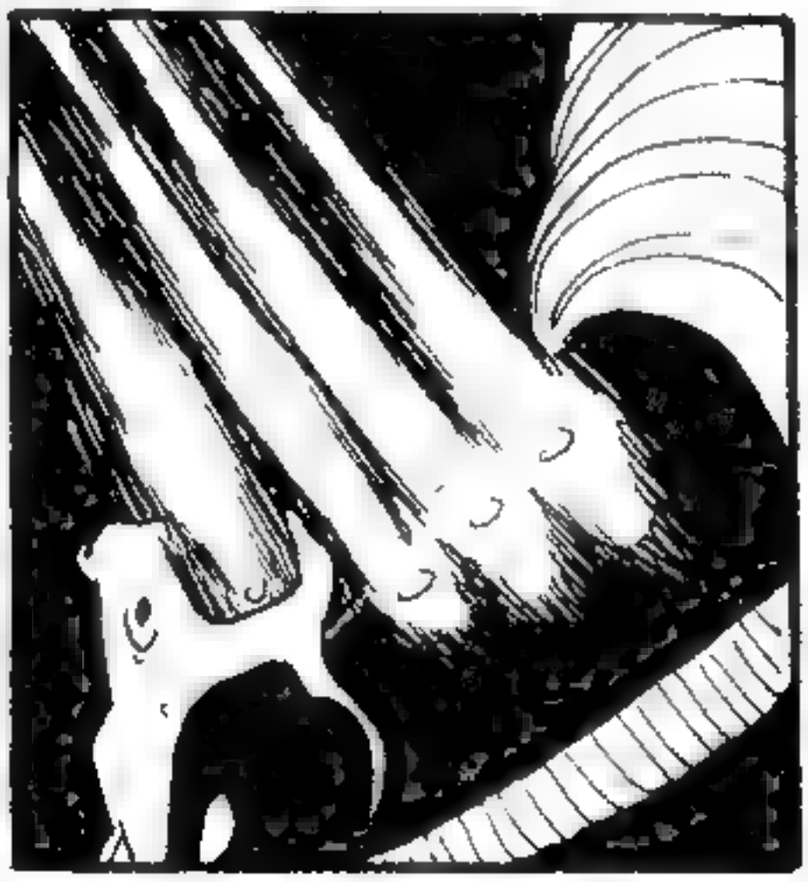

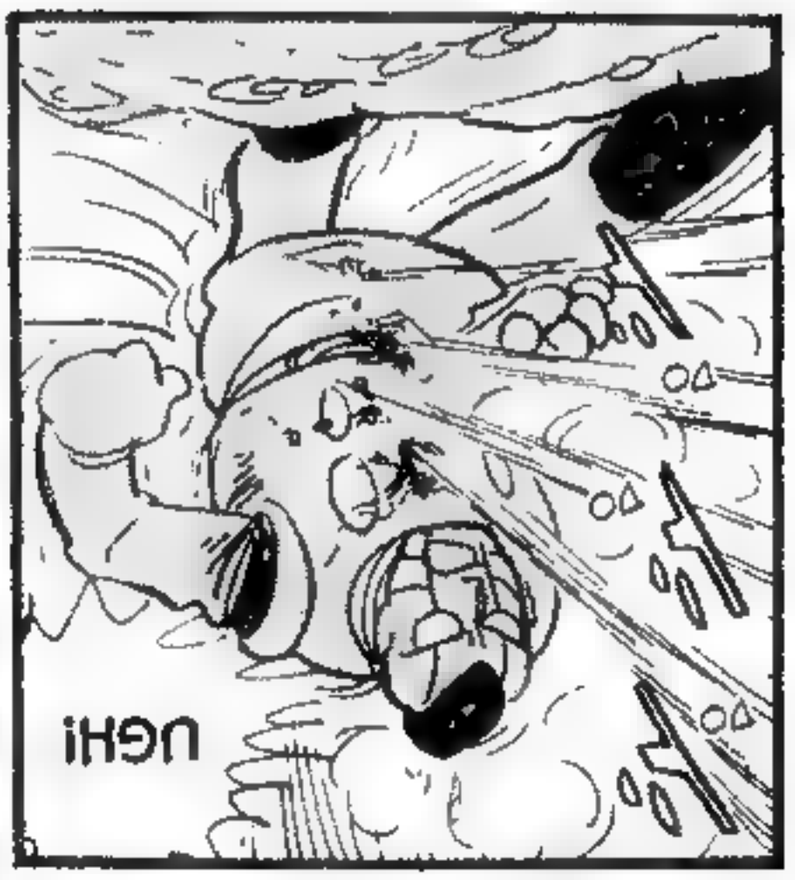
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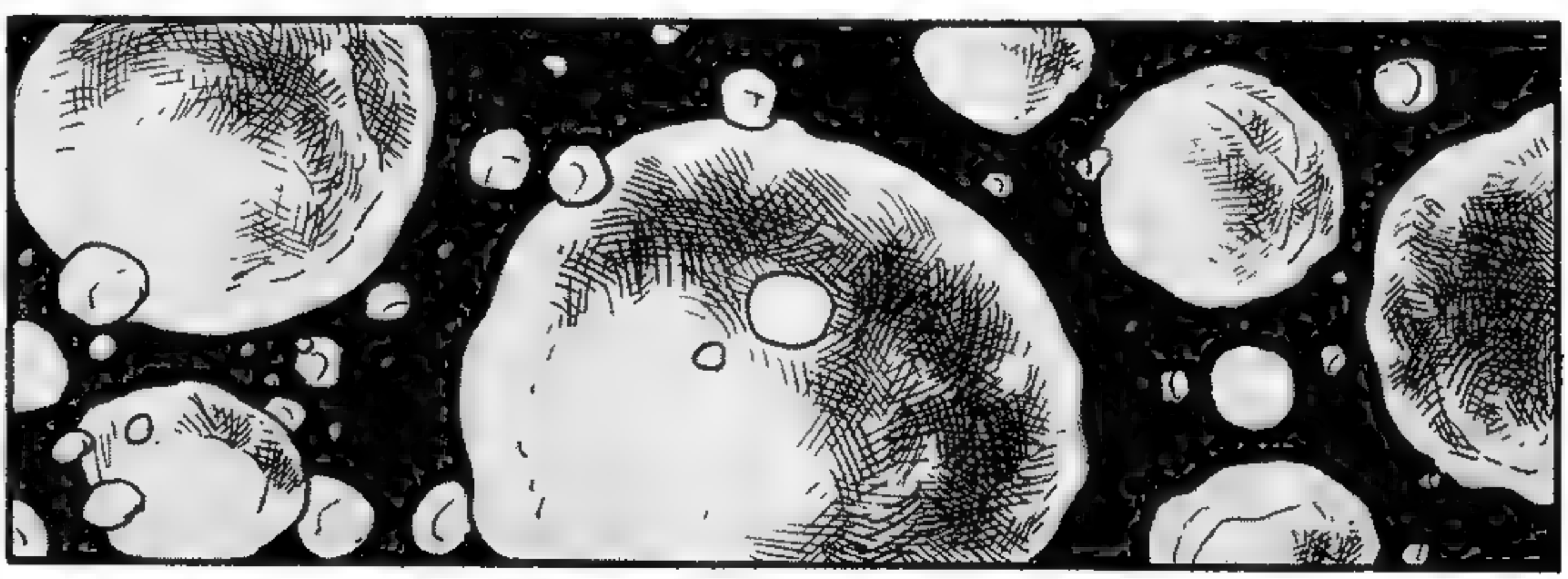

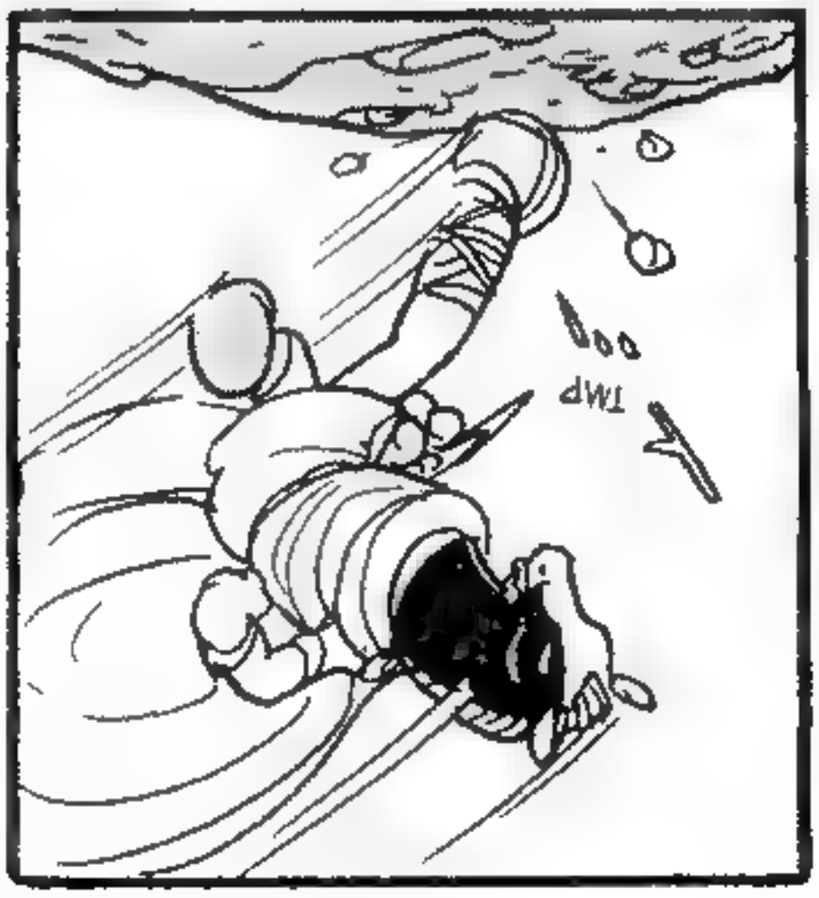
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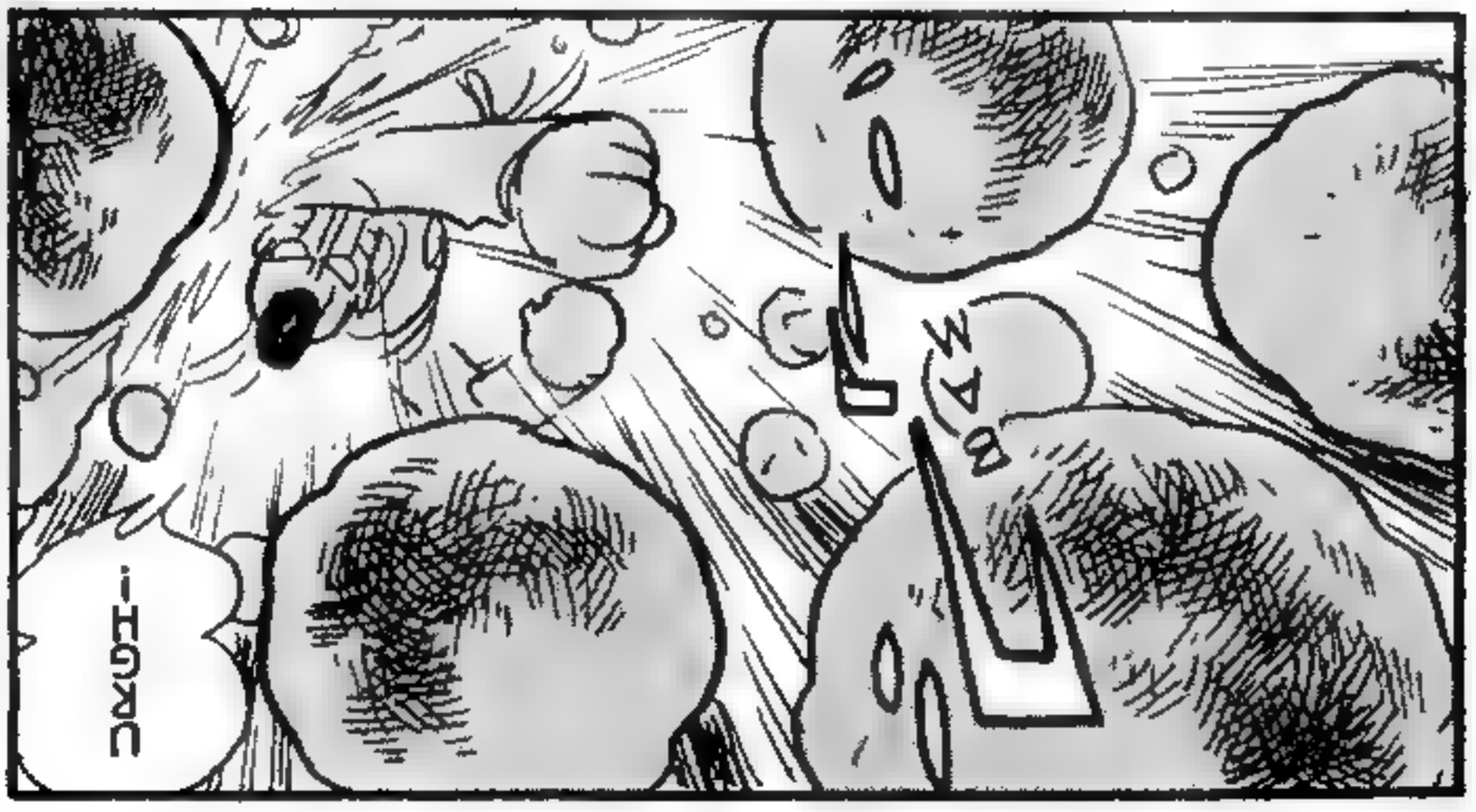

DAM
-IGAAC

HA HA HA.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

GRRR.

BZZT

WE'LL SEE.

ARE YOU THE FAMOUS ESPER?

YOU'VE ESCAPED FROM BLACK GHOST. YOU'LL NOT ESCAPE FROM ME.

SO... I FINALLY GET TO MEET YOU...

BLAM

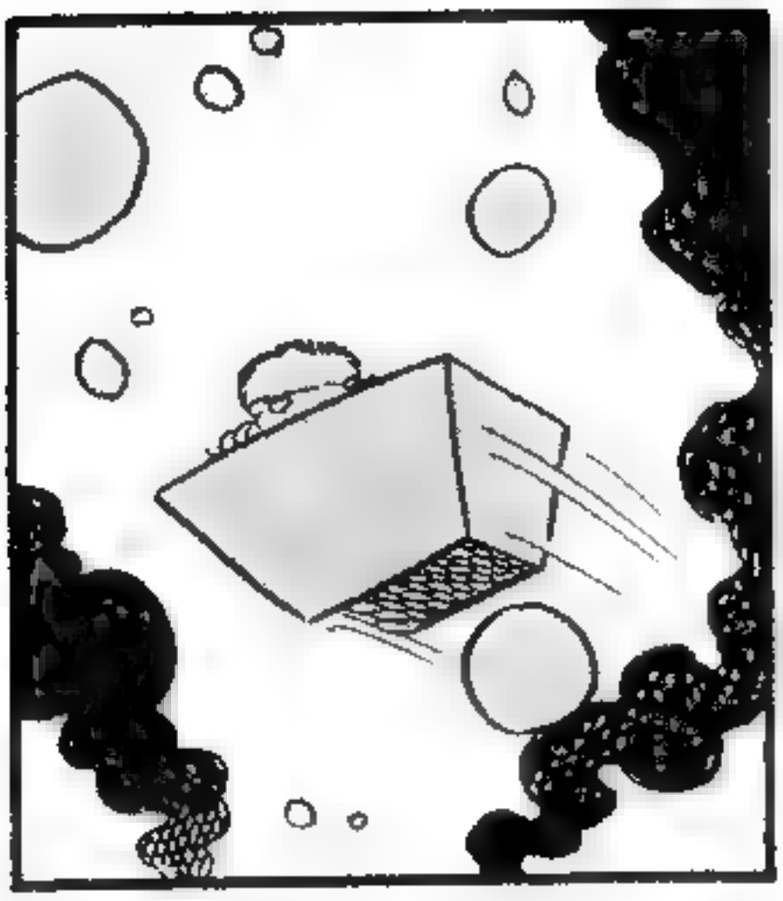
WAH-

BAM

HA HA HA! MAYBE NEITHER OF YOU ARE ESPERS AFTER ALL.

FOR YOU CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE SEEN THIS COMING!

GAA

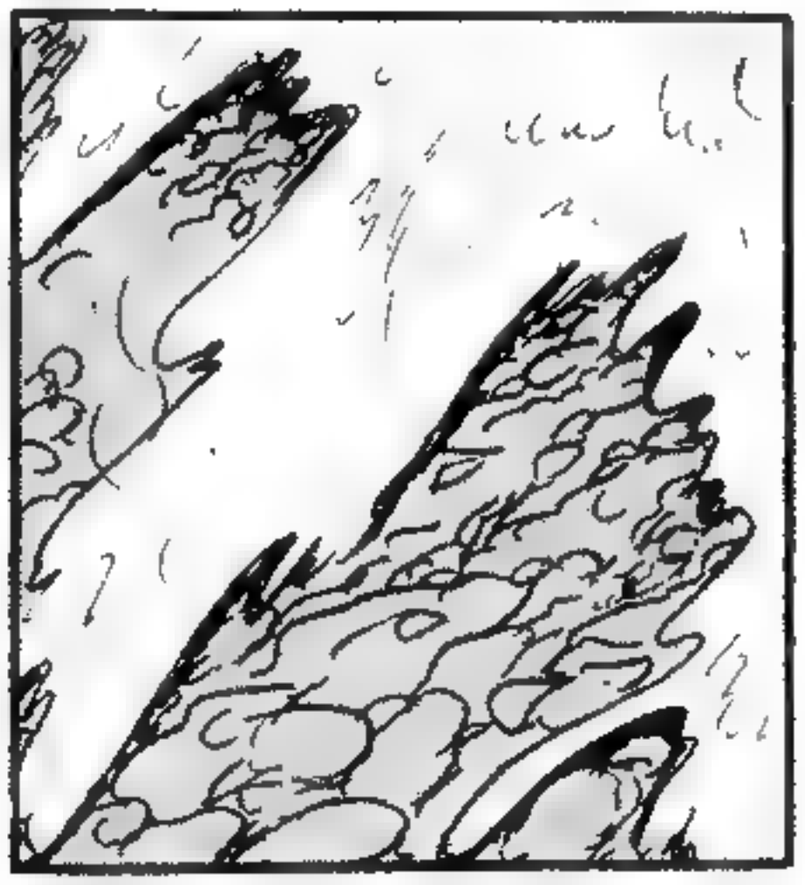


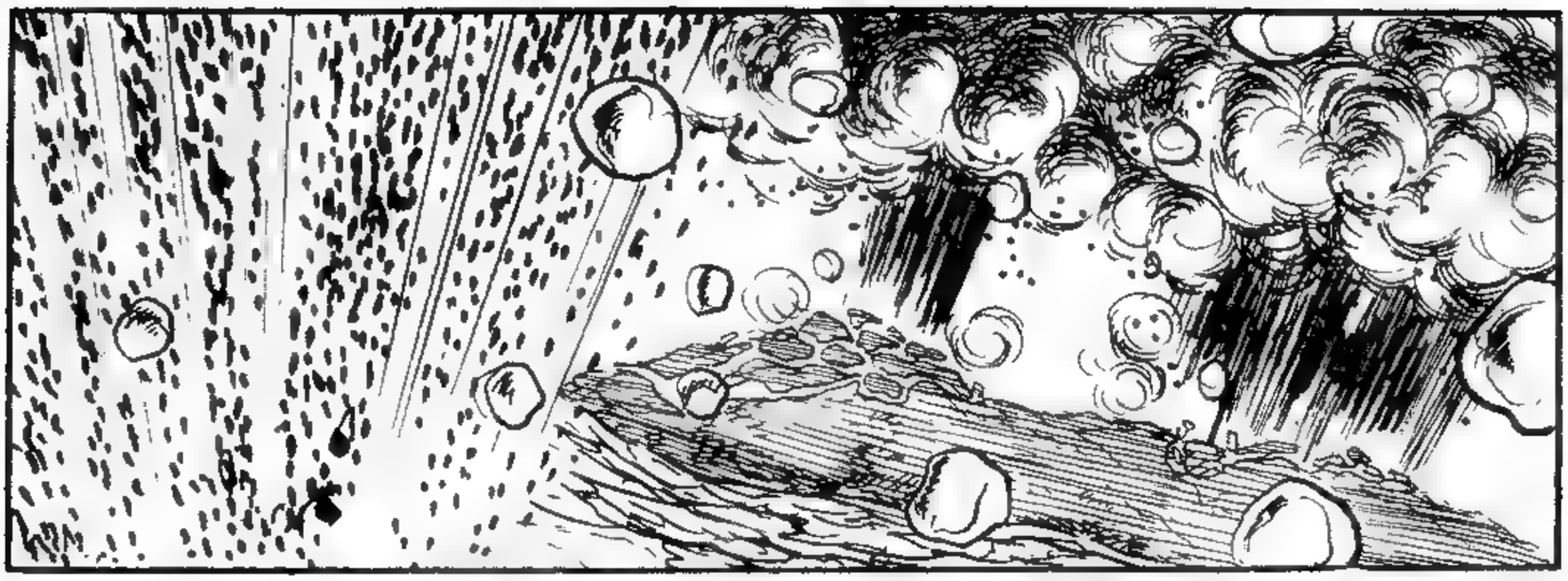
BAK
BAK
BAK
BAK
AH! SO HERE HE IS.

IS THIS A RUSE?
WHAT? A BABY?!

BOOM

BLAM





AH!

STOP!

009!
APOLLO!
PLEASE,
STOP!!

GUH!

UGH!

BAM

BLAST

BLAST

KSHAA

APOLLO!

HELENA!

SISTER!

UH!

GAA

AH!

HELENA!

WAAAH

PUSH

BAK

BAK

KRAK

KRAK

BAK

BAK

BAK

AAAH!

NO, IT'S WATER!

HAS THE LAVA BEEN RE-LEASED?!

DAC

DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
GAA
GAA
GAA
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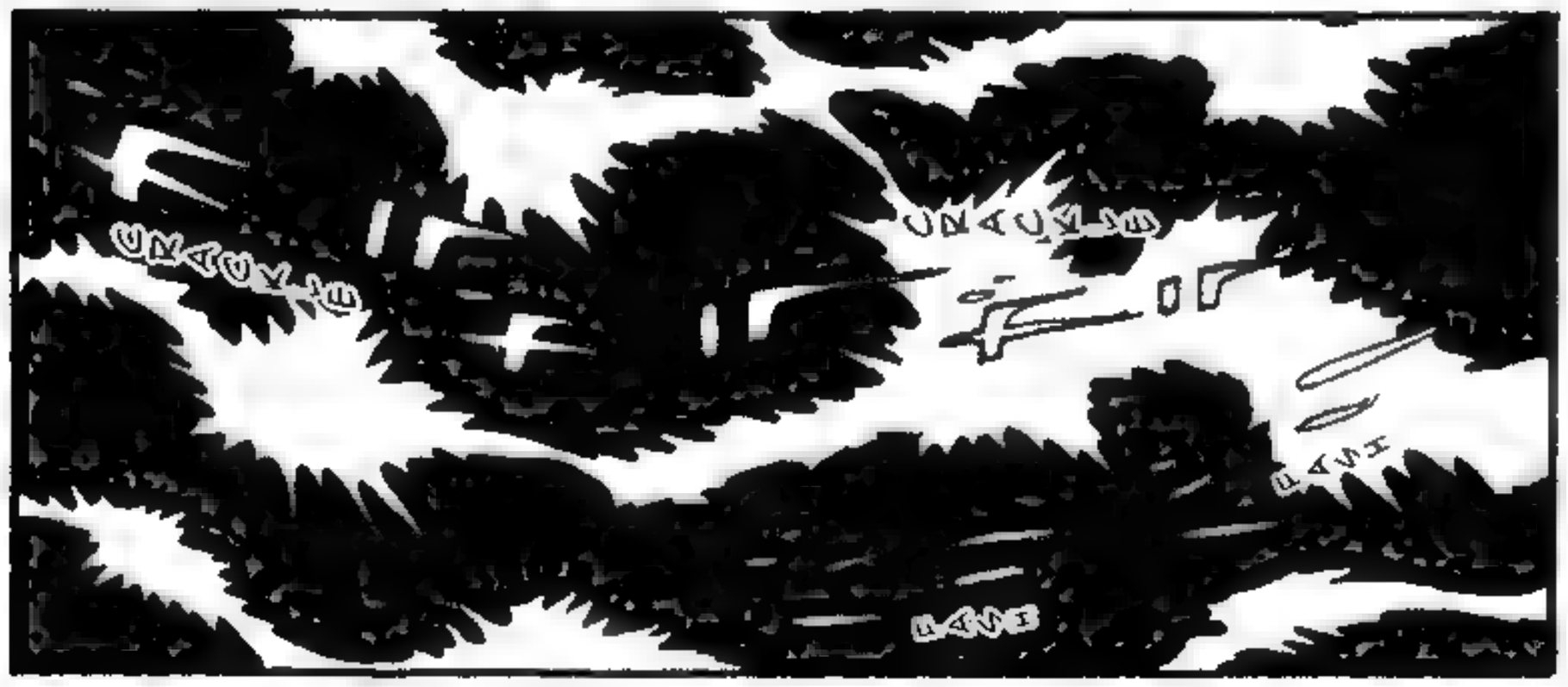
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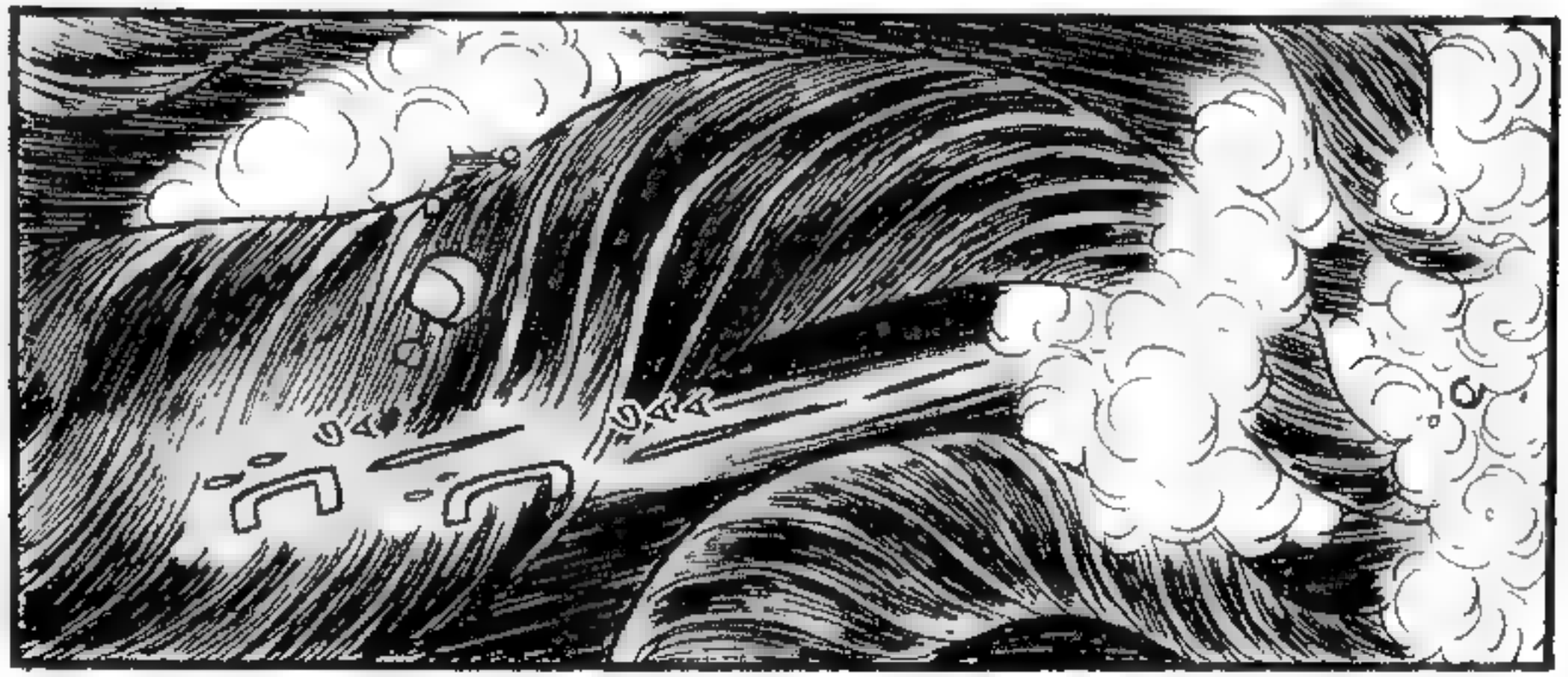
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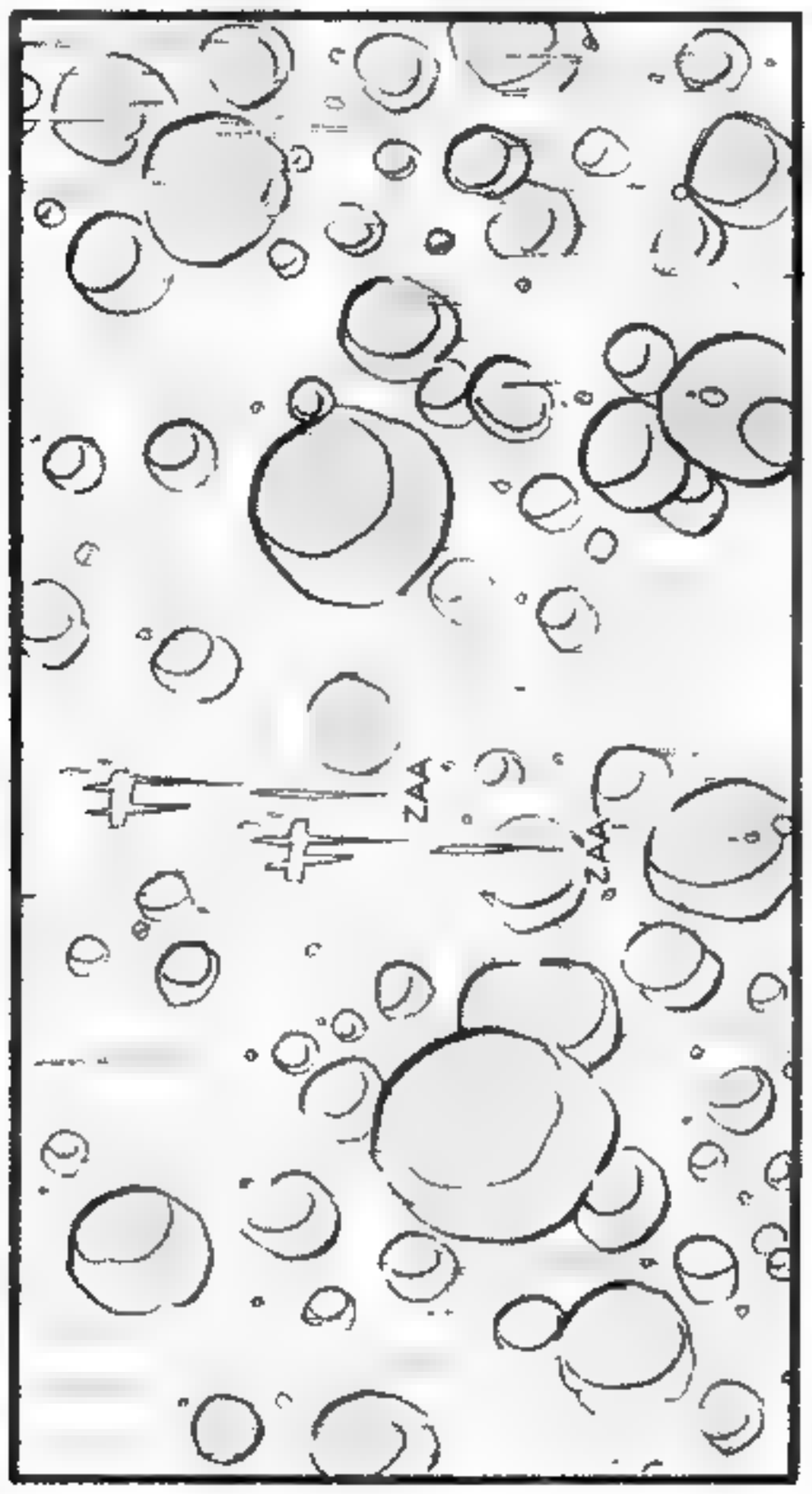
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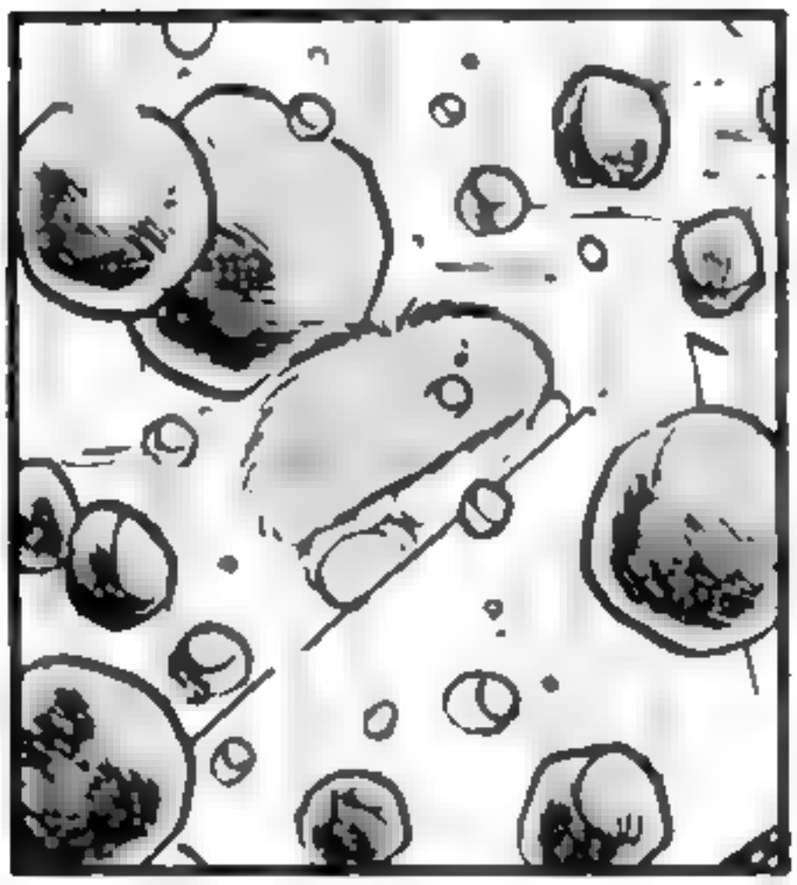

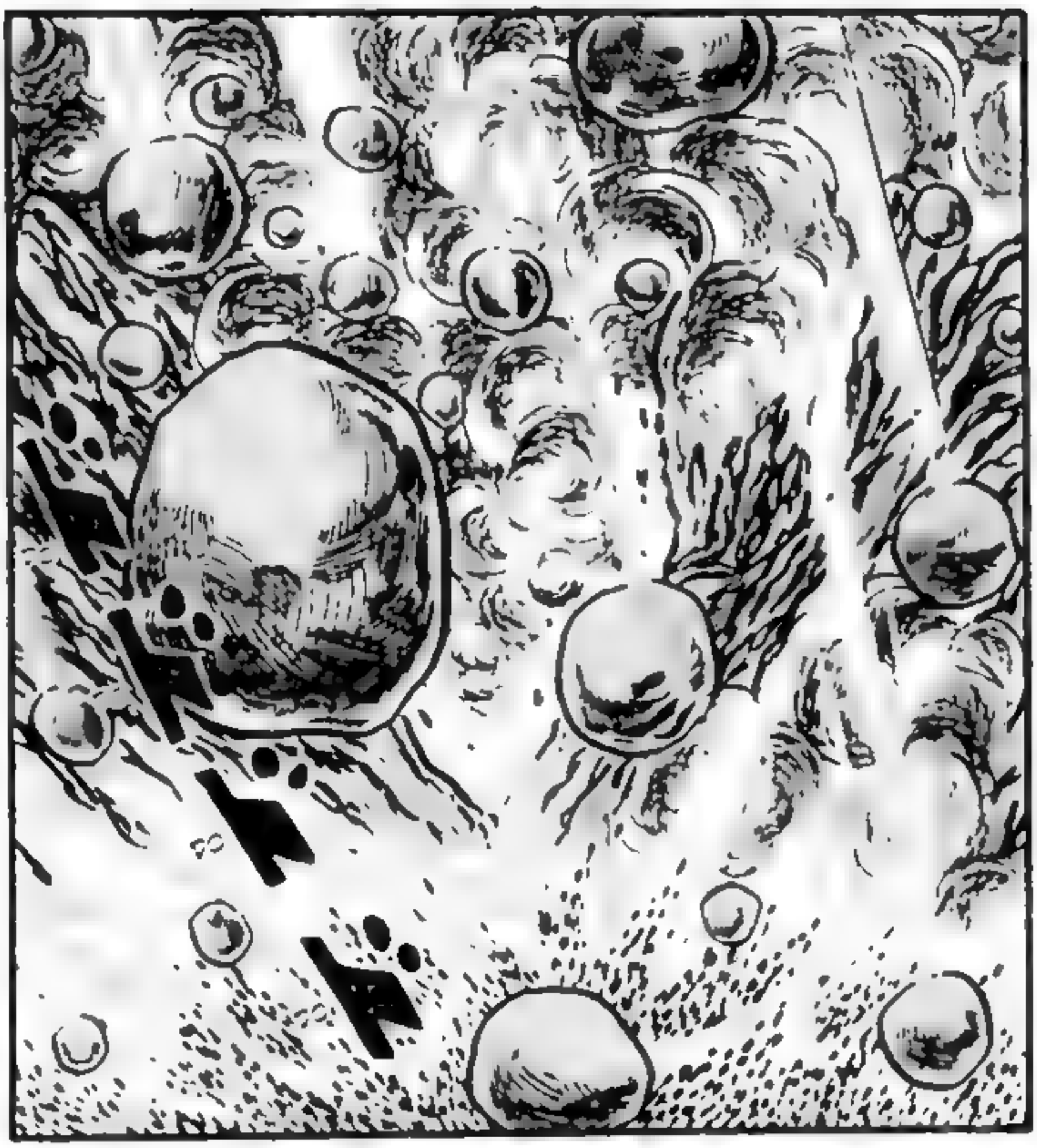

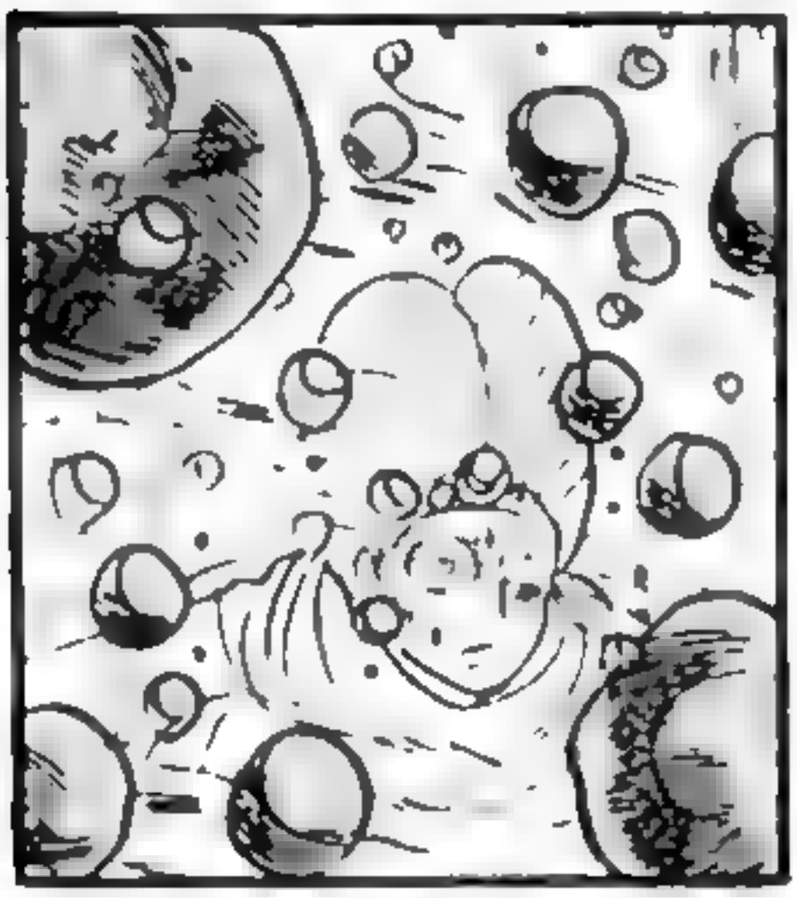

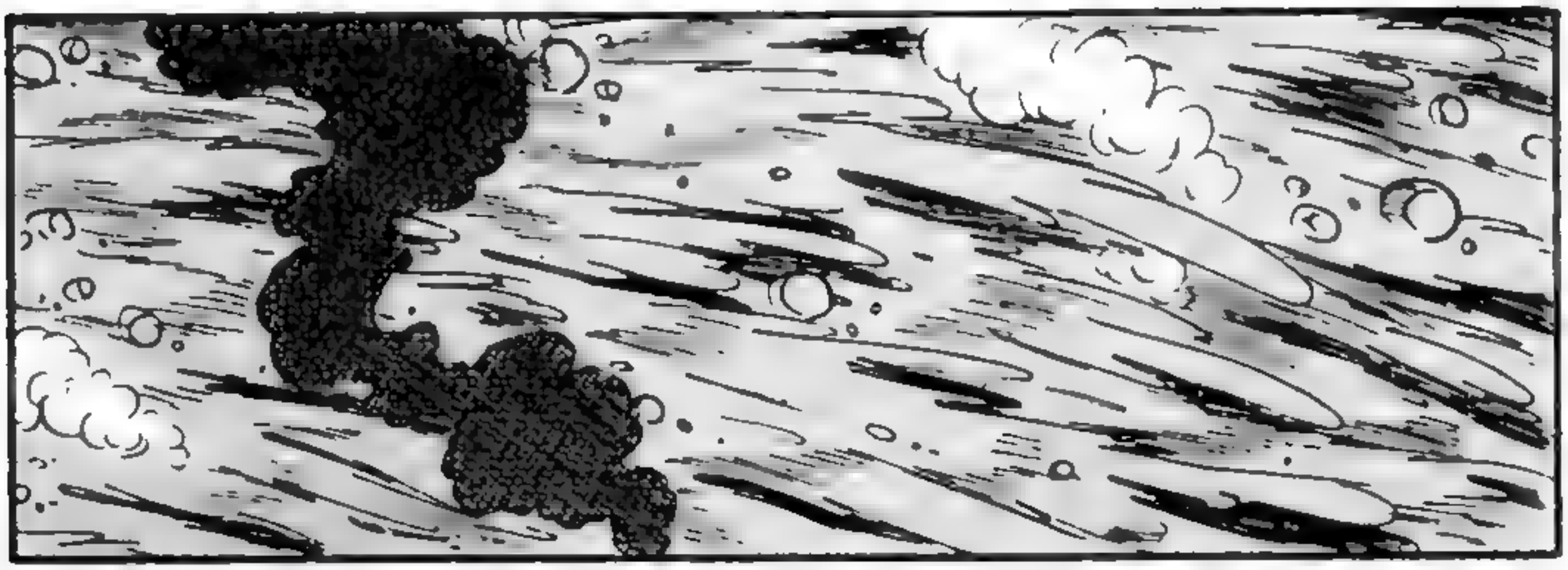

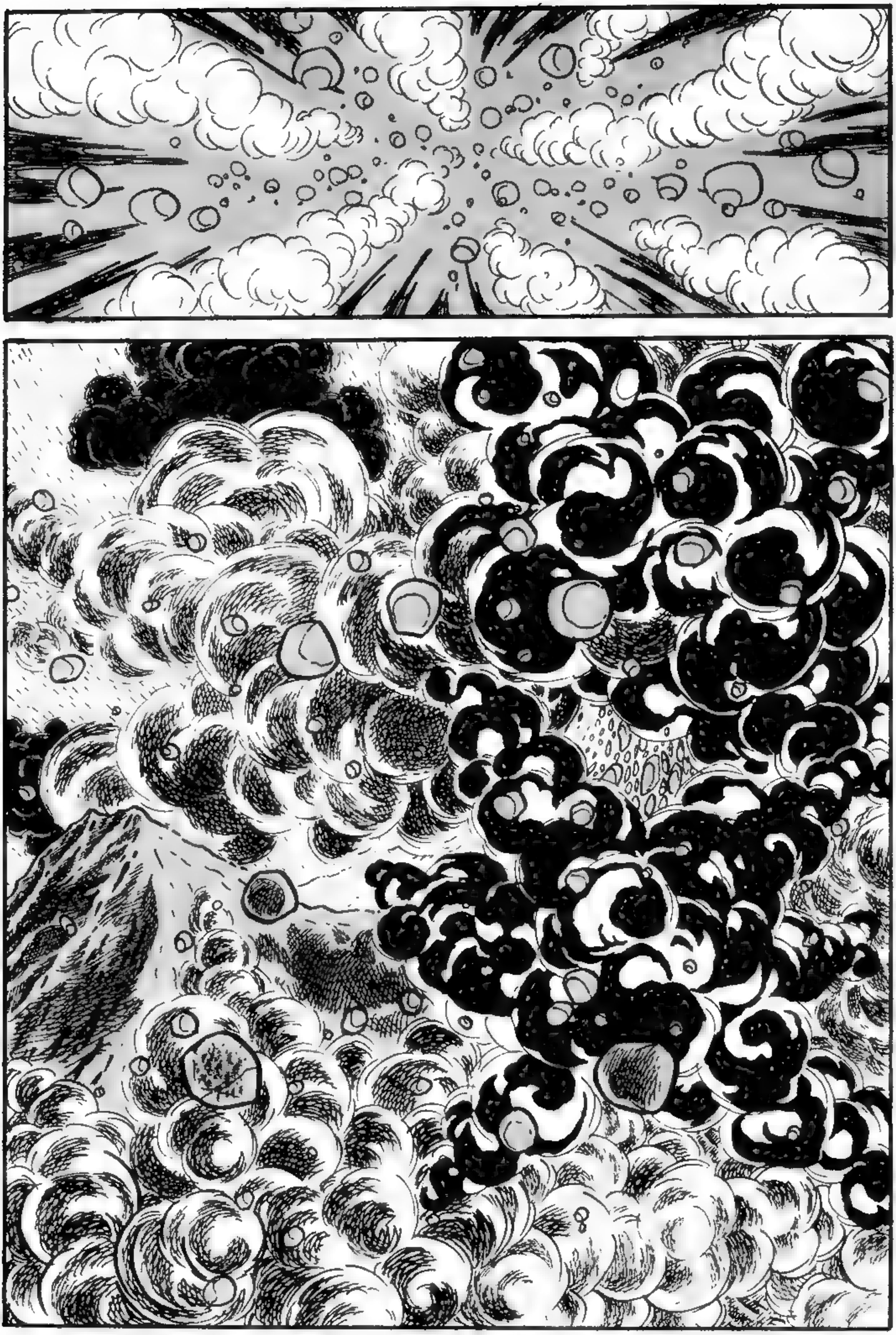

GAA

GAA

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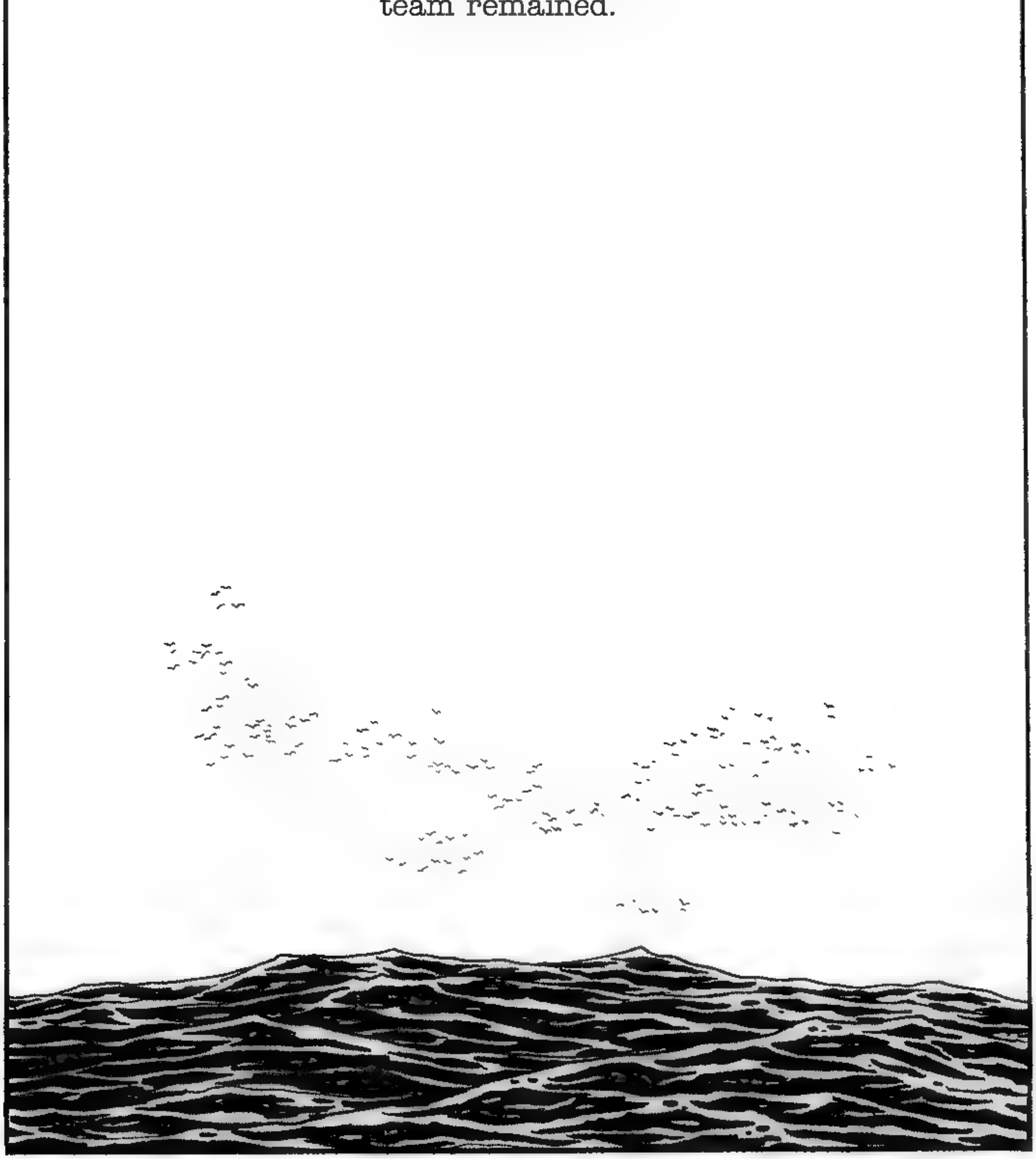
GAA

CAW

CAW

CAW

In the calm that followed this fury of nature, no sign of the Cyborg team remained.



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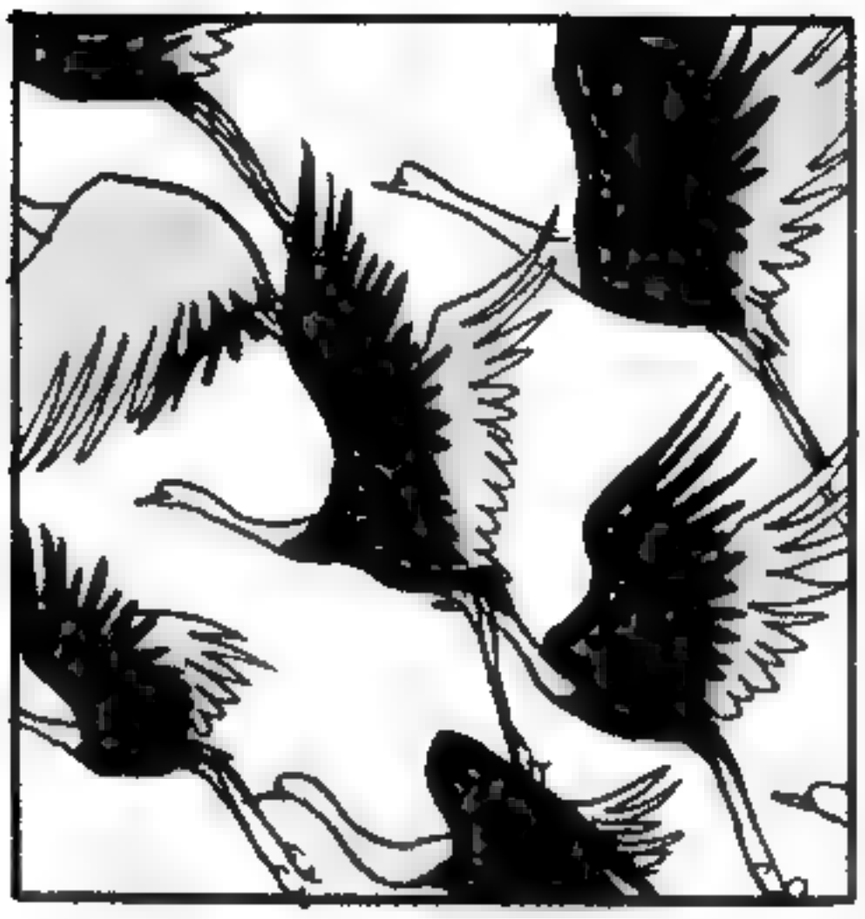
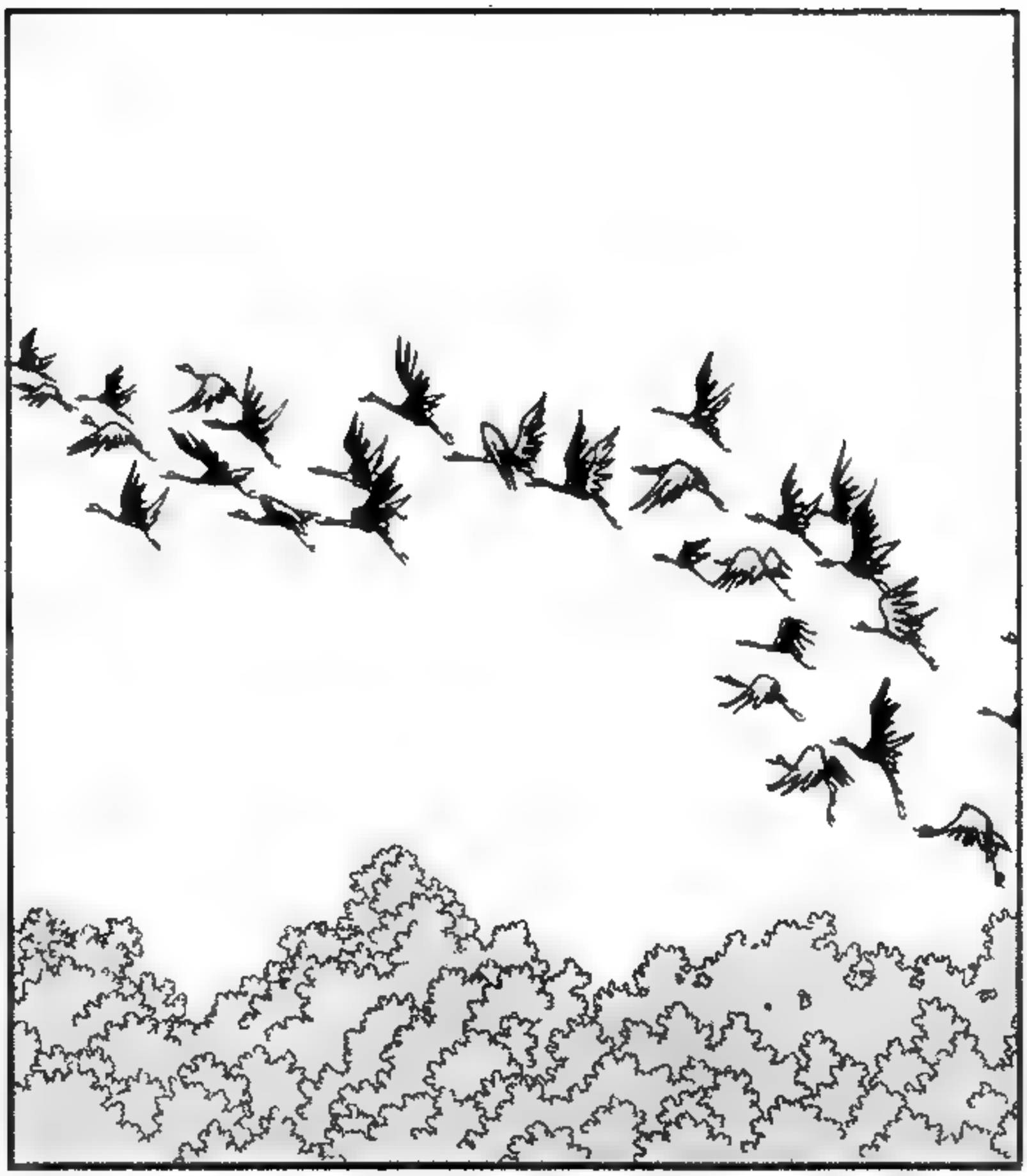
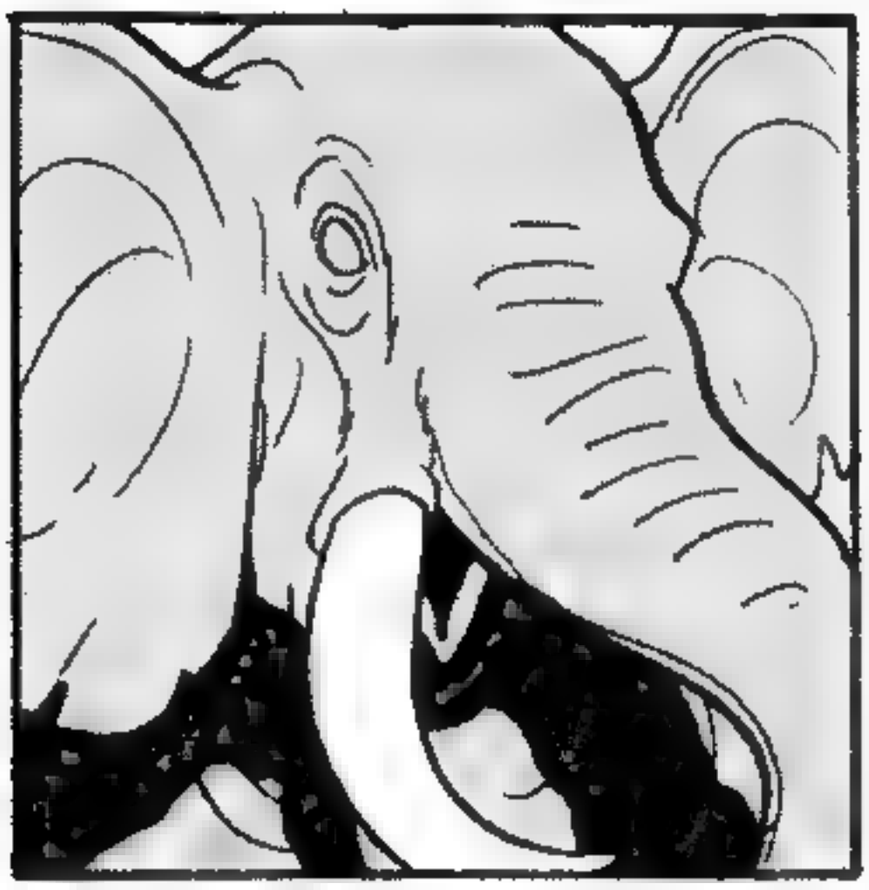
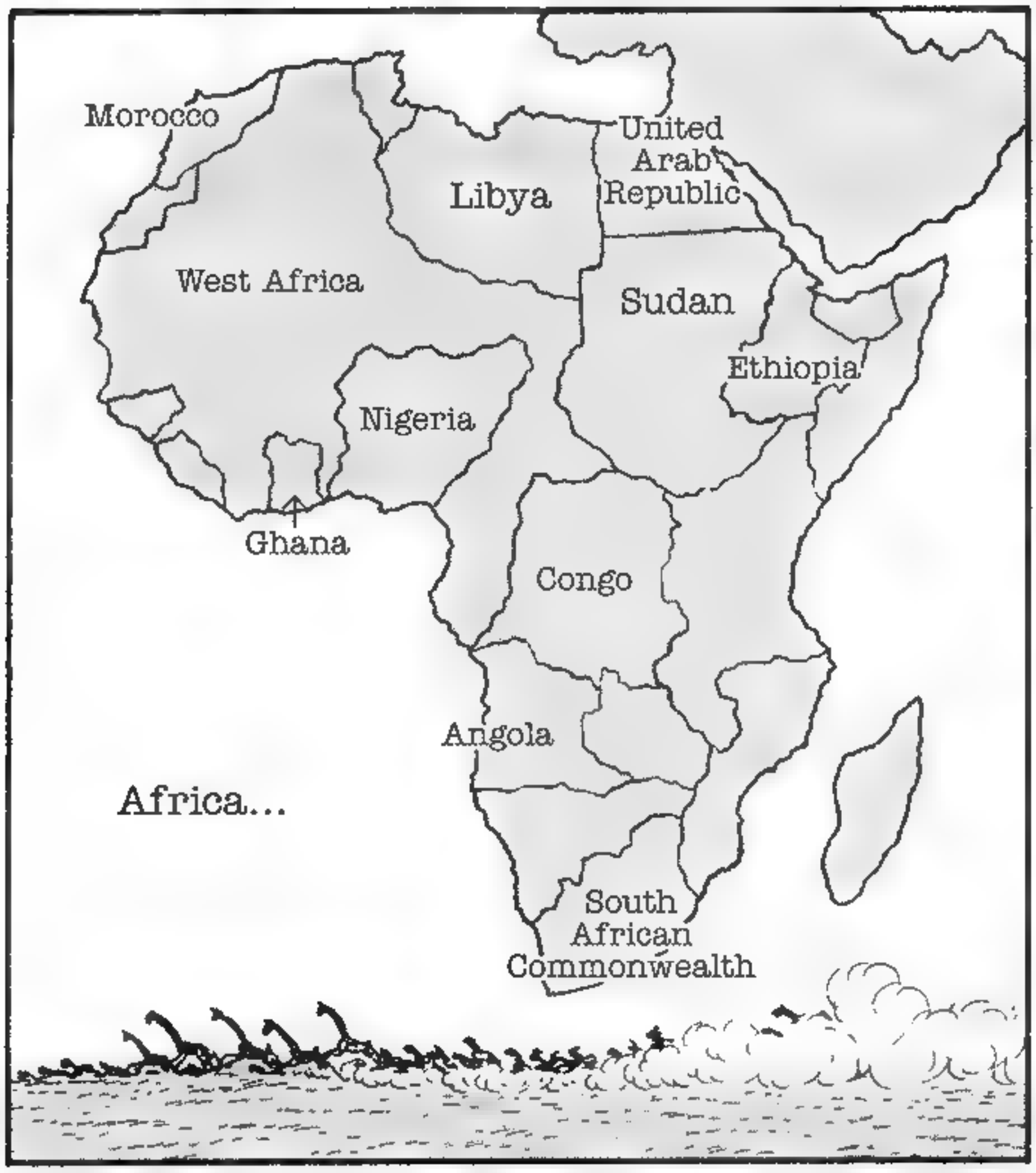
GOLDEN LION





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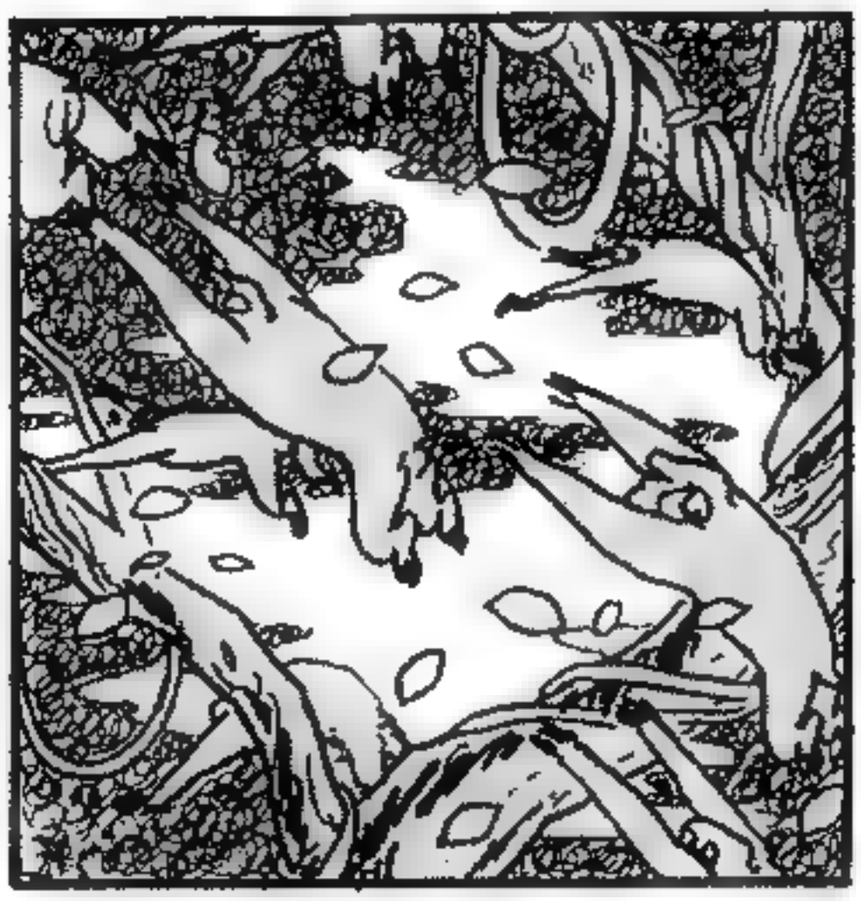


HAH! YEAH, 009. DON'T COUNT YOUR YEARS BEFORE THEY PASS.

HAH! YOU'RE STILL A CHILD, JOE!

AH! I'VE WANTED TO GO TO AFRICA EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD.

BUT...

I REMEMBER BEING CAPTIVATED BY ALL THE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS IN THE PICTURES BOOKS FROM THE ORPHANAGE LIBRARY.

_BUT I'D VENTURE TO SAY I'M A LOT MORE WORLDLY NOW.

WELL, PERHAPS I DON'T HAVE YEARS...

HILTON HOTEL

IT LOOKS MORE LIKE EUROPE THAN AFRICA.

ALL OF THE BEAUTY OF THIS PLACE HAS BEEN OVERRUN WITH HUGE BUILDINGS AND CARS.

W

3KM

WELL, THESE ARE DEVELOPING NATIONS, JOE.

...I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED WITH WHAT I SAW WHEN I ARRIVED IN ZANZIBAR.

IT'S JUST SAD TO ME TO SEE SOMETHING SO DREAMLIKE STRIPPED AWAY.

BUT YOU'LL FORGIVE ME MY DREAMS.

AND I KNOW THEY NEED TO DEVELOP TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.

DA

DA

DA

DA

AFRICA IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD. AS PROGRESS INTRUDES, THINGS ARE LOST.

HAH! WELL, AT LEAST YOU STILL HAVE YOUR IMAGINATION.

I JUST NEVER IMAGINED THAT IT WOULD BE LIKE THAT.

THE LUSCIOUS GREEN OF THE JUNGLE REPLACED WITH THE COLD STEEL OF THE CONCRETE CANYON.

AFRICAN TEEMS WITH CUTURE, IS ALIVE WITH PEOPLES WHO LIVE FREELY AND CELEBRATE WITH VITALITY!

NATIVE ART, RICH WITH COLOR AND CULTURE, WILL SOON SURRENDER TO THE WEST!

ONCE THRIVING NATURAL HABITATS...

...HAVE GIVEN WAY TO ROADS AND MARKETS.

AND YET IT IS STILL CALLED BY THE REST OF THE WORLD THE DARK CONTINENT, A PLACE OF IGNORANCE, SUPERSTITION... AND SICKNESS.

THERE'S SUCH PASSION IN YOU WHEN YOU SPEAK OF AFRICA, *008.*

I... I'M SORRY, JOE.

HEY! I'M WITH YOU, BROTHER! JUST WATCH WHERE YOU WAVE THAT THING!

IT IS CALLED THAT BY THE VERY COUNTRIES THAT NOW RULE AFRICA. BUT AFRICA WILL ONE DAY RENEW ITSELF.

I BET YOU MADE A GREAT LEADER.

THAT'S INCRE-DIBLE.

THAT MOVEMENT HAS LONG SINCE RECEDED INTO THE JUNGLES, A MERE VESTIGE OF WHAT IT ONCE WAS.

YEARS AGO I WAS THE LEADER OF AN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT AGAINST EUROPEAN OCCUPATION.

WHAT WE FACE IS FAR MORE MENACING.

THAT'S NOT WHY I ASKED YOU TO COME.

YOU ASKED US TO COME HERE IN THE HOPES THAT 009 WOULD REVITALIZE THE MOVEMENT?

THERE'S A REASON I HAVE NEVER TRIED LEADING THE CYBORG TEAM.

I DID NOT MAKE A GREAT LEADER.

WHAT WAS THAT?!

GROWL

SHH...

ENEMY? WHO IS YOUR ENEMY?

WE'VE FOUGHT AGAINST IT BEFORE. BUT, THE ENEMY IS TOO POWERFUL.

GROWL

IT'S HIM!

THE GOLDEN LION!

ZA ZA ZA

GROWL

GUH!

GI!

GAH!

FWSS

FWAA

WAH!

WAAAHH!

KYAAA!

AH!

TA

TA

TA

WAIT!

GRRRRR...

WHOAA!

HE FLIES?!

. . . . .

MAYBE ANOTHER CYBORG?

IT CAN'T BE REAL.

AND THEN IT FLEW INTO THE NIGHT SKY!

IT SHONE LIKE GOLD!

SEE, 009? MAYBE NOW YOU UNDER-STAND!

THE FACE OF THE ENEMY IS THE JUNGLE ITSELF!

DO YOU SEE THIS FIRE? ANOTHER ONE OF ITS ABILITIES.

I DON'T KNOW.

THAT'S THE ONLY EXPLA-NATION

A MACHINE BUILT TO DESTROY.

HMM. MAYBE SOME KIND OF LASER-BASED TECH-NOLOGY.

IT EXPELS AN INTENSE HEAT THAT CAN IGNITE ENTIRE VILLAGES!

I'VE ONLY SEEN IT ONE OTHER TIME.

KEE

KEE KEE

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

DOO

DOO

DOO

CAW

CAW

CAW

BOK

BOK

BOK

GON

GON

GON

GON

BOK

BOK

BOK

BOK

BOK

BOK

GON

GON

GON

GON

GON

GON

GON

BARK

BARK

BARK

BARK

.....

TELL ME, PONU.

GON GON

OOH, YOUNG CHIEFTAIN.

WHY DO YOU PLAY THE MOURNING SONG?

KRA BARK KRA BARK KRA BARK

NO.

.....

IT IS OUR CHIEF... YOUR FAMILY...

MY POOR LITTLE SISTER...!

MOTHER!

FATHER!

AAAH!

.....

THIS WAS AN ASSAS-SINATION!

THIS IS THE WORK OF THE GOLDEN LION!

IT'S HIM.

008...

.....

...AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED! HE'S A DEMON!!

I KNEW THIS, AND I LEFT TO PROTECT MY FAMILY...

HIS TARGET WAS ME... TO STOP THE INDE-PENDENCE MOVEMENT!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, JOE?

MAYBE IT'S TRYING TO INCREASE THEIR SENSE OF FEAR.

IT'S STRANGE, TOO, THAT HE CHOSE TO ATTACK WHILE WE WEREN'T HERE TO DEFEND THE VILLAGE.

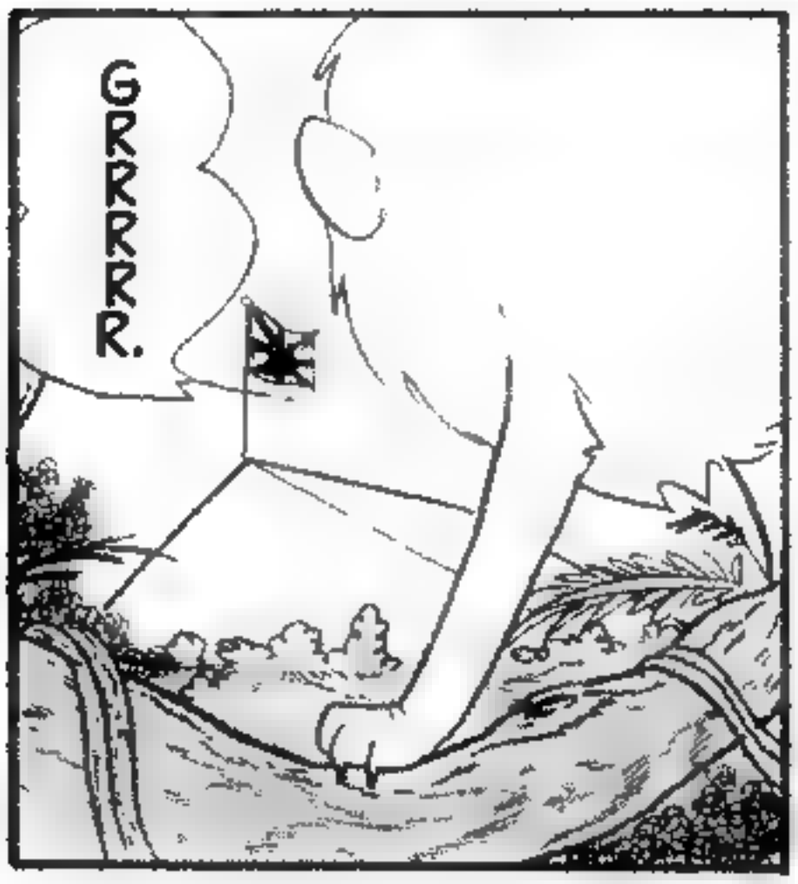
I DON'T KNOW. IT SEEMS RATHER ODD THAT IT ONLY ATTACKED 008'S FAMILY.

DO YOU THINK THE LION'S ATTACK WAS REALLY THAT CALCULATED?

WE HELP 008 AVENGE HIS FAMILY'S DEATH!

LEAP

TMP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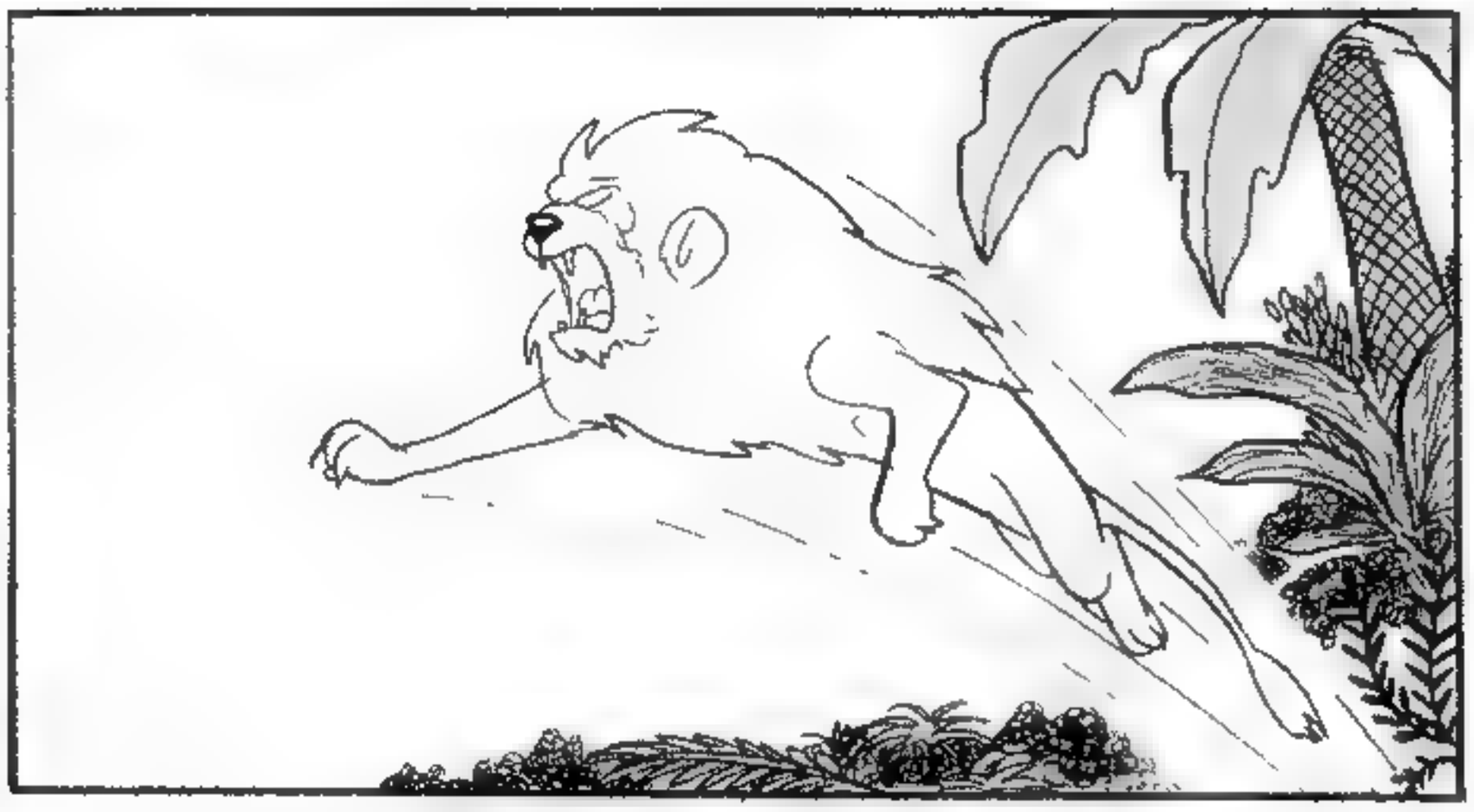


GRRROWL.

'ELLO.

WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' 'ROUND 'ERE?

OKAY, OKAY. NOW HURRY AND GET IN HERE BEFORE SOMEBODY SEES YOU.

GRROWL.

I TOLD YOU TO COME AT NIGHTTIME! THAT MEANS NIGHTTIME ONLY!!

HAH! WELL I DON'T THINK THAT FREEDOM FIGHTER WILL BOTHER US AGAIN!

IS THAT RIGHT?

SLAM

SO, 'OW DID IT GO? IS IT DONE?

GROWL.

GOTCHA BOSS.

I THINK THAT DESERVES A TREAT!

YOU KNOW WE CAN'T TOUCH IT, RIGHT?

I TRUST YOU CAN OPEN THAT YOURSELF.

WE HAVE A NEW ONE FOR YA.

EXCEL-LENT.

CRASH

...SEND HIM TO MEET HIS FAMILY!

...AND IF HE TRIES TO START THE MOVEMENT AGAIN...

KEEP AN EYE ON MR. FREEDOM FIGHTER HIMSELF...

WELL. THAT SHOULDN'T ATTRACT ANY ATTENTION.

JUST THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS HE'S ON OUR SIDE!

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

WHAD-DAYA MEAN, MATE? IT'S A LION!

BOSS, DO YOU CARE TO FILL ME IN ON THAT THING?

FLASH

IT WAS ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT.

LET ME TELL YOU A STORY.

AHH! SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT!

LIONS DON'T FEED ON RADIO-ACTIVE ISOTOPES!

NO DOUBT. BUT I...I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND...

CRIKEY!

MUST BE A GHOST!

A GLOW-ING LION!

A LION!

BLAM

STAY BACK!

BLAM

WHAP

GROWL.

ZAA

ZAA

ZAA

TAK.

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

GRRRRR.

EASY THERE, MATE! I DIN'T MEAN TO SHOOT YA!

LET ME SEE, HERE. WHAT DID YOU WRITE ME, FELLA?

Y-YOU... YOU CAN TYPE?

GRRR GROWL.

?

GRRR.

WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO GET RADIOACTIVE RODS?!

ARE YOU COMPLETELY MENTAL?

"ALL I ASK IN RETURN IS A SUPPLY OF FOOD. TWO RADIOACTIVE RODS OF A WEEK."

"I'LL LEND YOU A HAND WITH YOUR WORK."

DON'T WORRY, CHUM. I'LL GET YOU WHAT YOU NEED. IF YOU CAN INDEED HELP ME OUT, THAT IS!

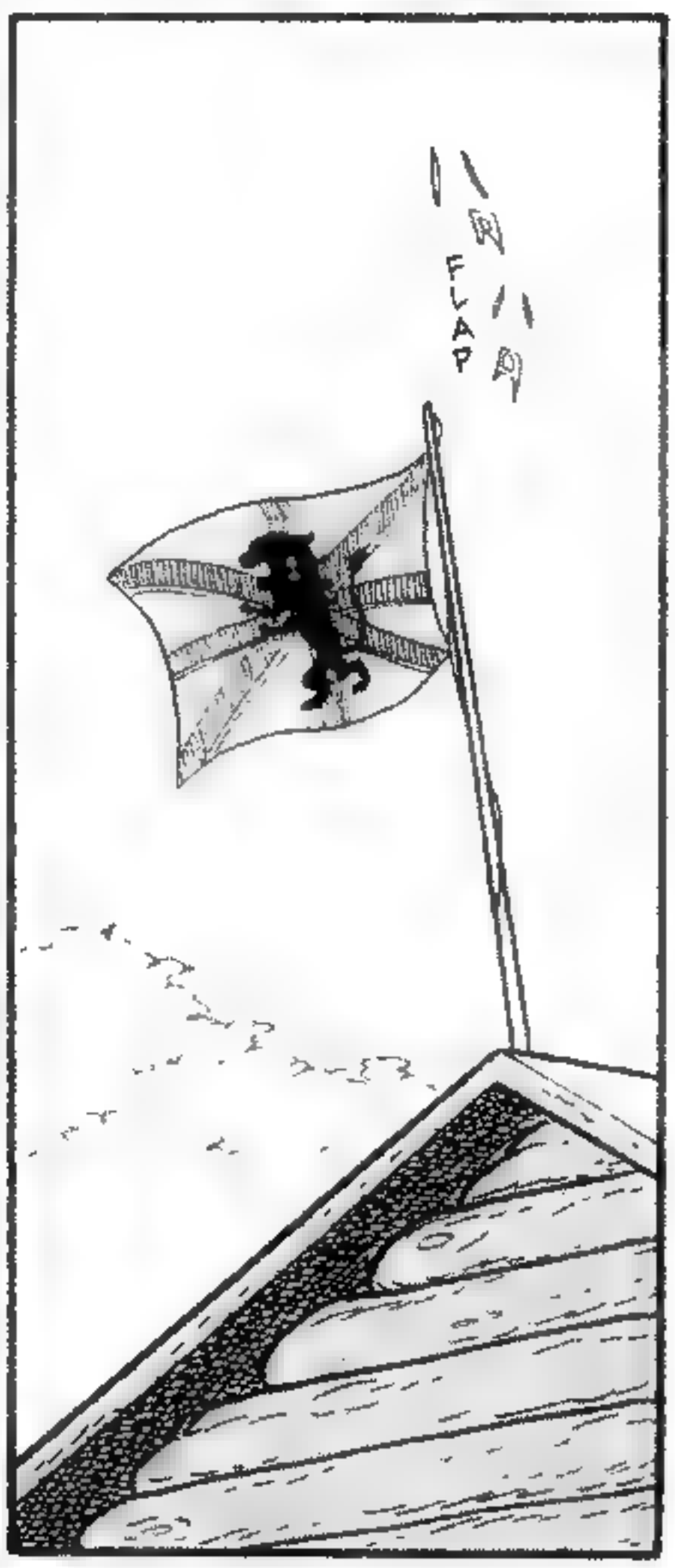
HMMM... GUESS I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE THAT ONE OUT LATER.

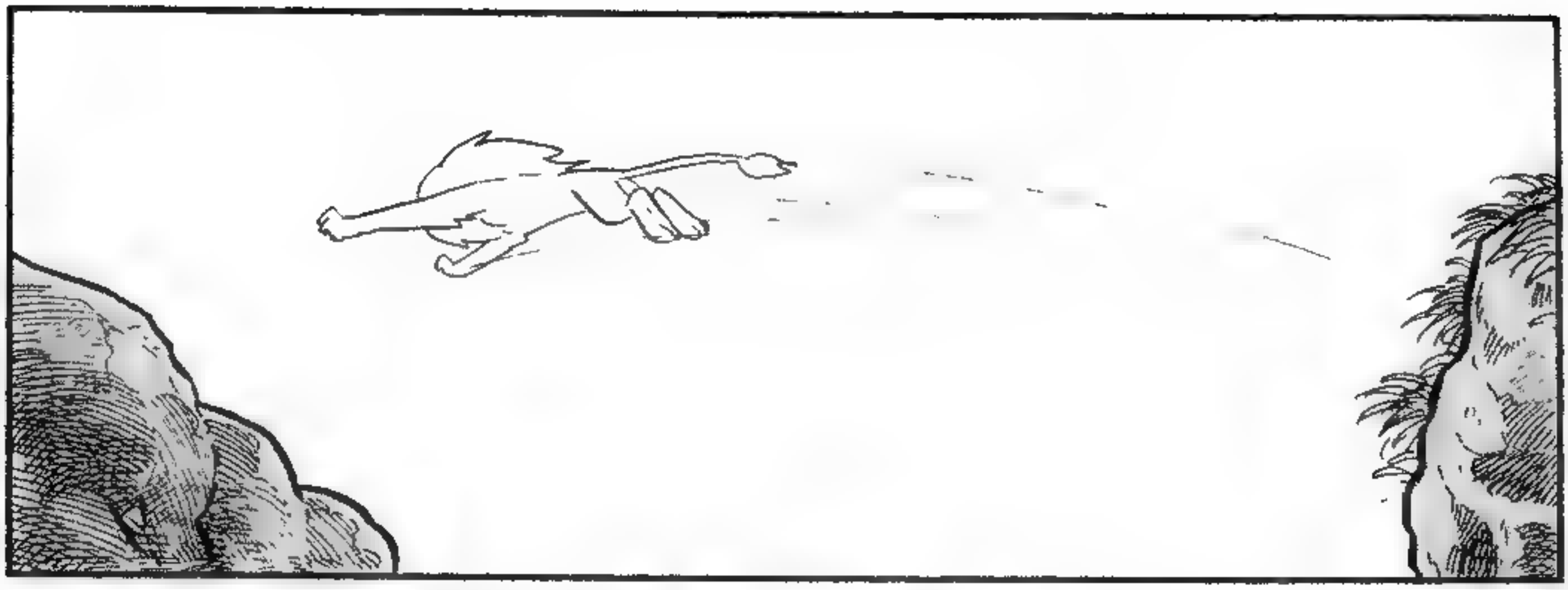
ONCE I PULL THOSE VALUABLE MINERALS RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER THOSE PAGANS...

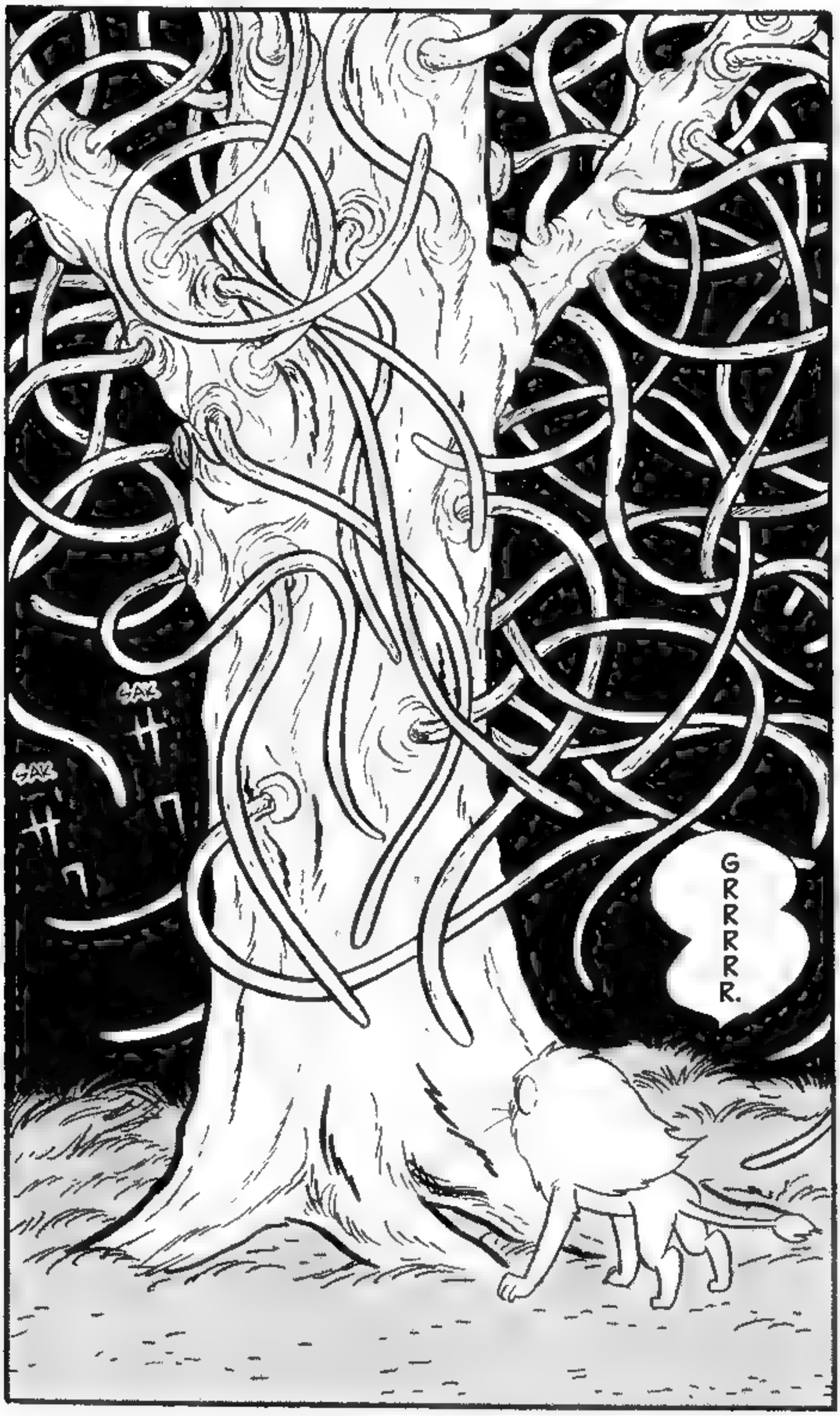
LET'S GET IT TO THE COUNTRIES THAT CAN ACTUALLY USE IT! HAH HAH HAH!!

AND WHAT CAN'T I GET, REALLY?

WHO KNOWS? MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME FINALLY BREAK DOWN THIS INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT ONCE AND FOR ALL.



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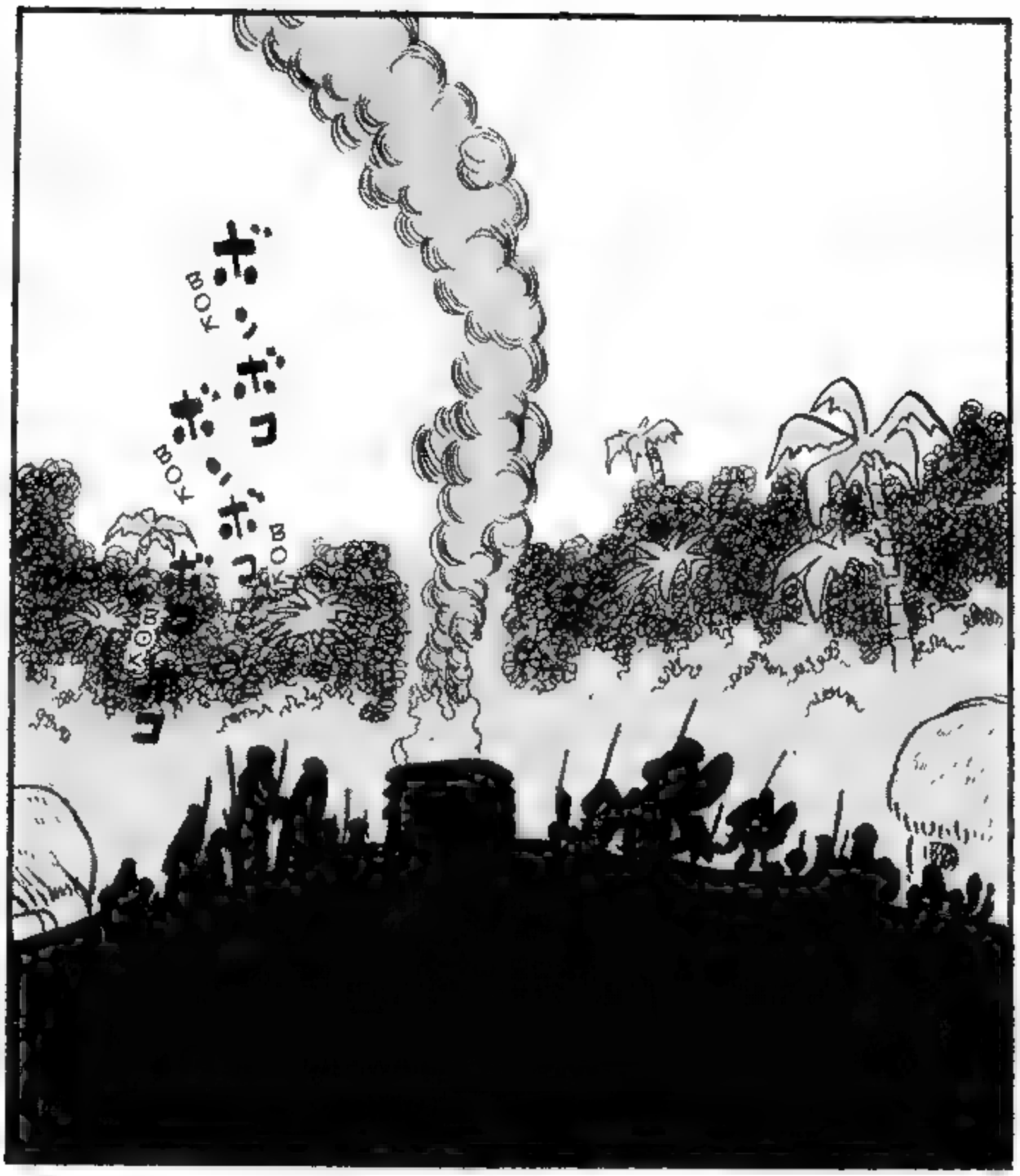
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BOKBOKBOKB

AND IT'S JUST AS FAST AS YOU ARE, 009.

I HIGHLY DOUBT IT.

SHU

WHAT ABOUT OUR BLAST-ERS?

SPEARS AND BULLETS JUST BOUNCE OFF ITS HIDE!

THAT'S MY GUESS.

HEH HEH.

HE HE HE HE, HO HO, WHEEE.

JOE, THANKS!

THANKS FOR COMING WITH ME ON THIS TRIP. YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND.

HEE HEE HEE.

GERA GERA GERA...

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE GOLDEN LION.

WHO WAS THAT?

THAT'S TER-RIBLE!

OH!

ONE SURVIVED... BUT HE WENT INSANE.

ABOUT TWENTY DAYS AGO, THE LION HUNTED AND ATTACKED TEN YOUNG VILLAGERS.

DID YOU SEE HIS EYES?

SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT ABOUT HIM.

I'M GOING TO FOLLOW HIM.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JOE?

EXCUSE ME!

REALLY?

THAT MAN IS SIMPLY ACTING CRAZY.

A MADMAN WOULD LOOK VACANT, BEYOND REACH.

THEY WEREN'T THE EYES OF A MADMAN.

NO. WHY?

DO DO DOO

...WILL LEAD US TO THE GOLDEN LION!

WHOEVER HE'S CON-TACTING...

I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE THAT THERE WAS ONE PERSON LEFT ALIVE.

HMM, I KNEW IT!

A RADIO! WHO IS HE CALLING?

KLAP

SPLASH

SHUUU

GOT SOME-THING TO REPORT?

STOMP

NOOK NOOK

I BEG YOUR PARDON!

WAH!

WHO IS IT?

WE HEARD YOU TALKING TO THE PLANT YOU HAD IN OUR VILLAGE!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I AM ON A PEACEFUL, DIPLOMATIC ASSIGN-MENT--

SO YOU'RE THE ONE SLAUGHTERING MY PEOPLE!

WAH!

POW

SHU

GRRR.

...AND WHAT'S THE TRUTH BEHIND THE GOLDEN LION?

I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS PAYING YOU. WHAT IS THEIR GOAL?

AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON.

BOSS! LOOK! IT'S HERE!

URRR...

AND LOOK, FOOL. THEY TOOK YOUR DELICIOUS ISOTOPE RODS!

THEY WERE JUST HERE, RAISING HELL!

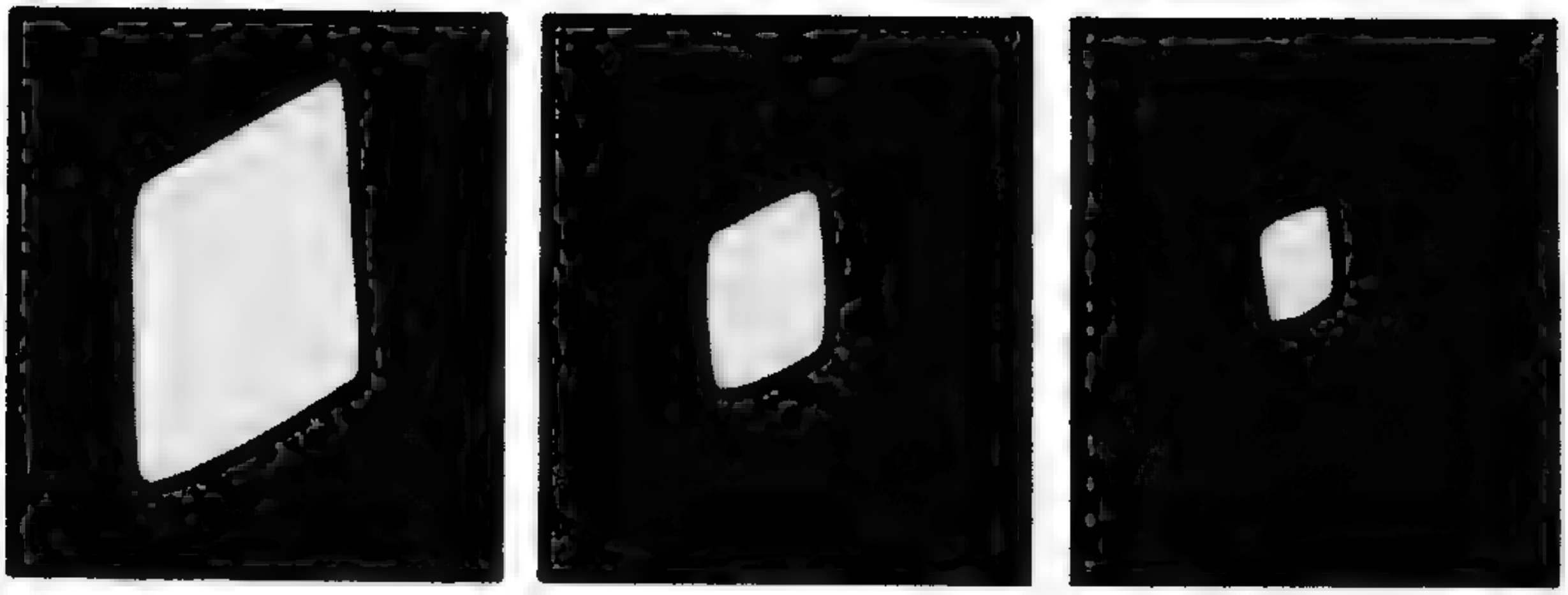
WHERE WERE YOU?!! I TOLD YOU TO WATCH THOSE BLASTED TROUBLE MAKERS!

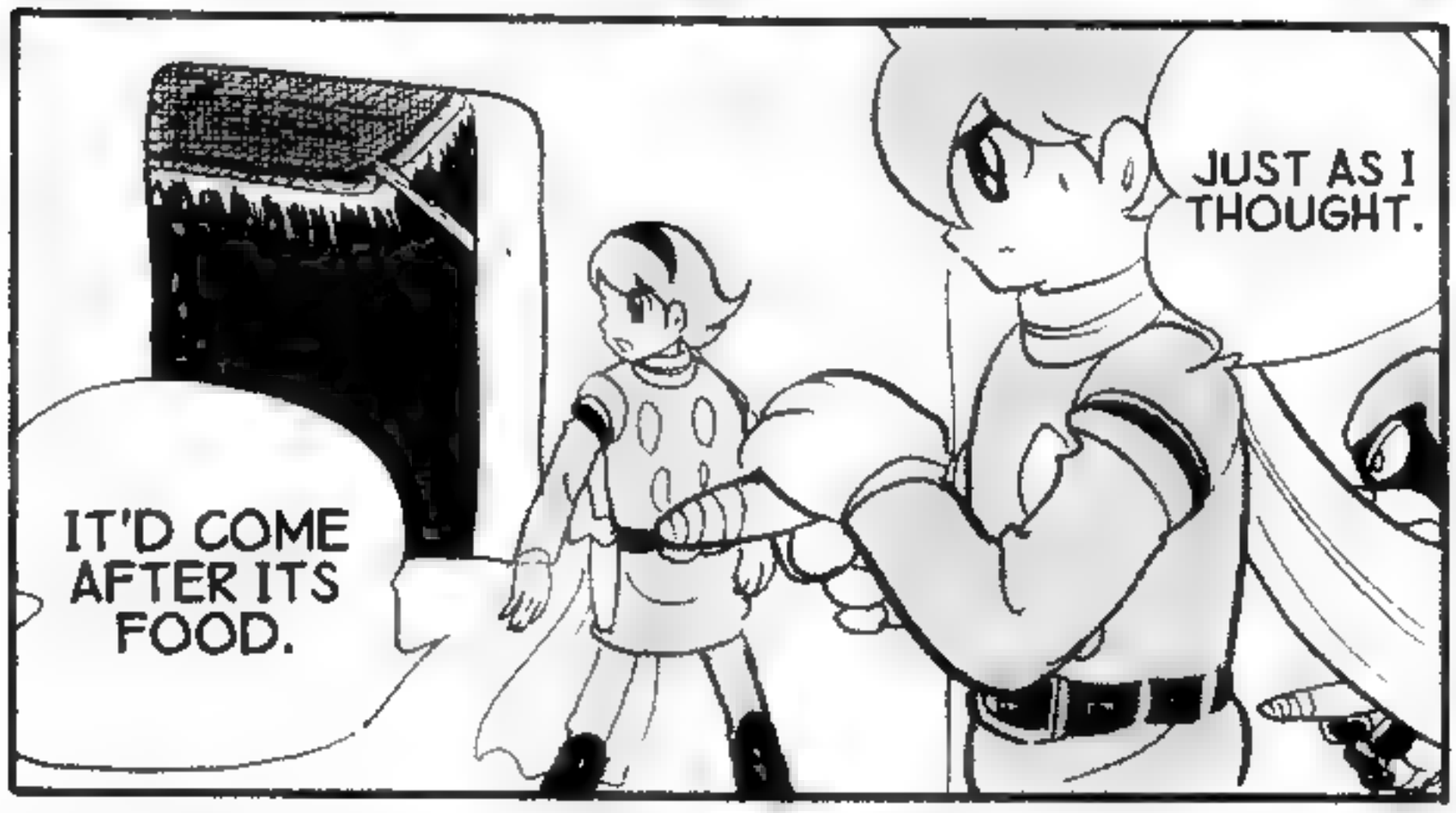
AND GET YOUR RADIOACTIVE RODS BACK!

GRRR ROAR.

THAT'S RIGHT! AFTER THEM! SWALLOW THEM WHOLE!!

SHOW THEM WHY YOU'RE THE KING OF THE JUNGLE!




IT'D COME AFTER ITS FOOD.
JUST AS I THOUGHT.

IT'S HERE.

.....

ALL RIGHT.

SHUU

CHAK

HE'S TOO DANGEROUS TO LET ESCAPE!

IT'S FAST!

A GOLDEN TREE?

AH!

AAH!

UHH!

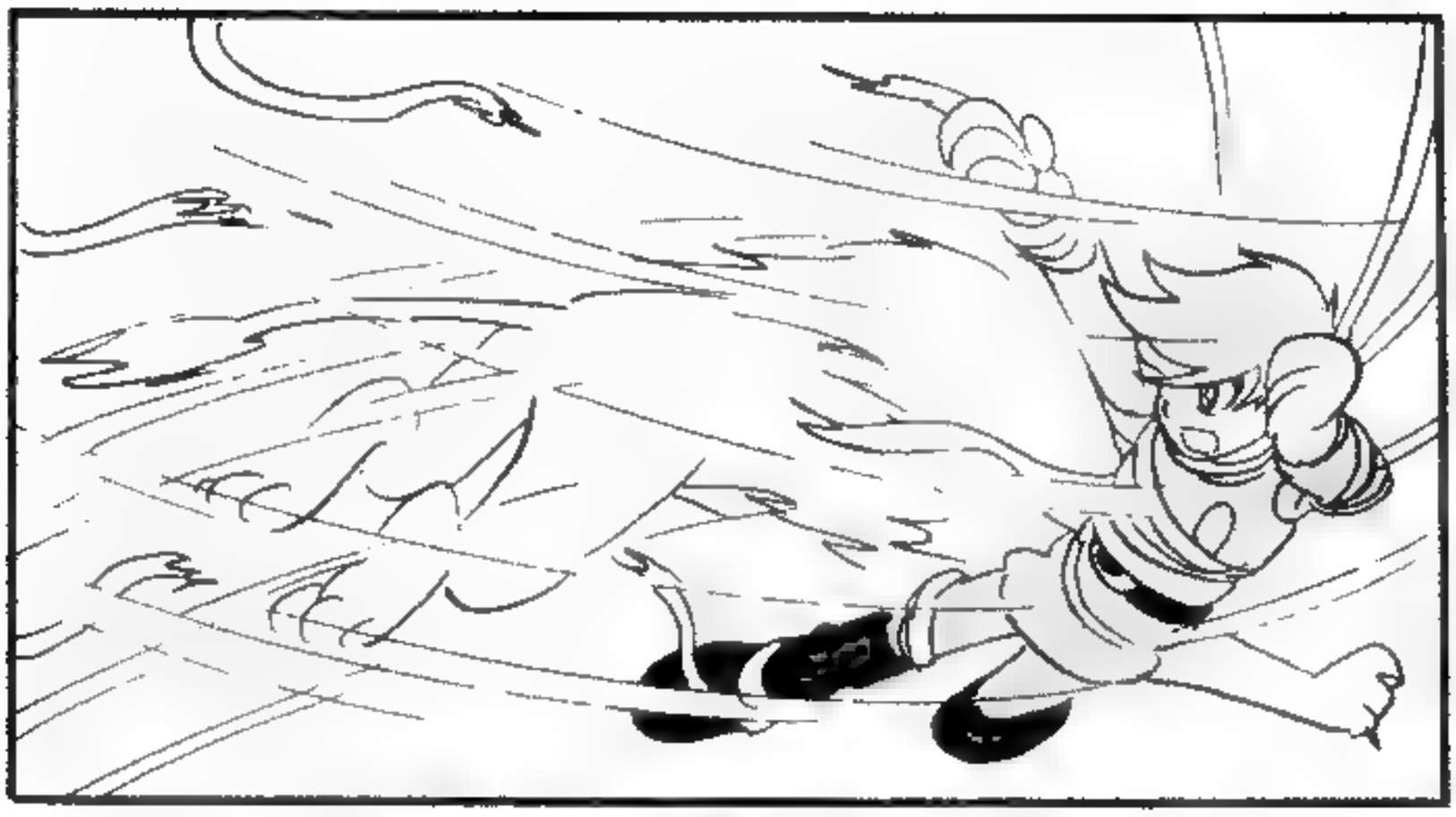
OAK

OH NO!

GRAA

GROWL.

CAN'T... GET... FREE...



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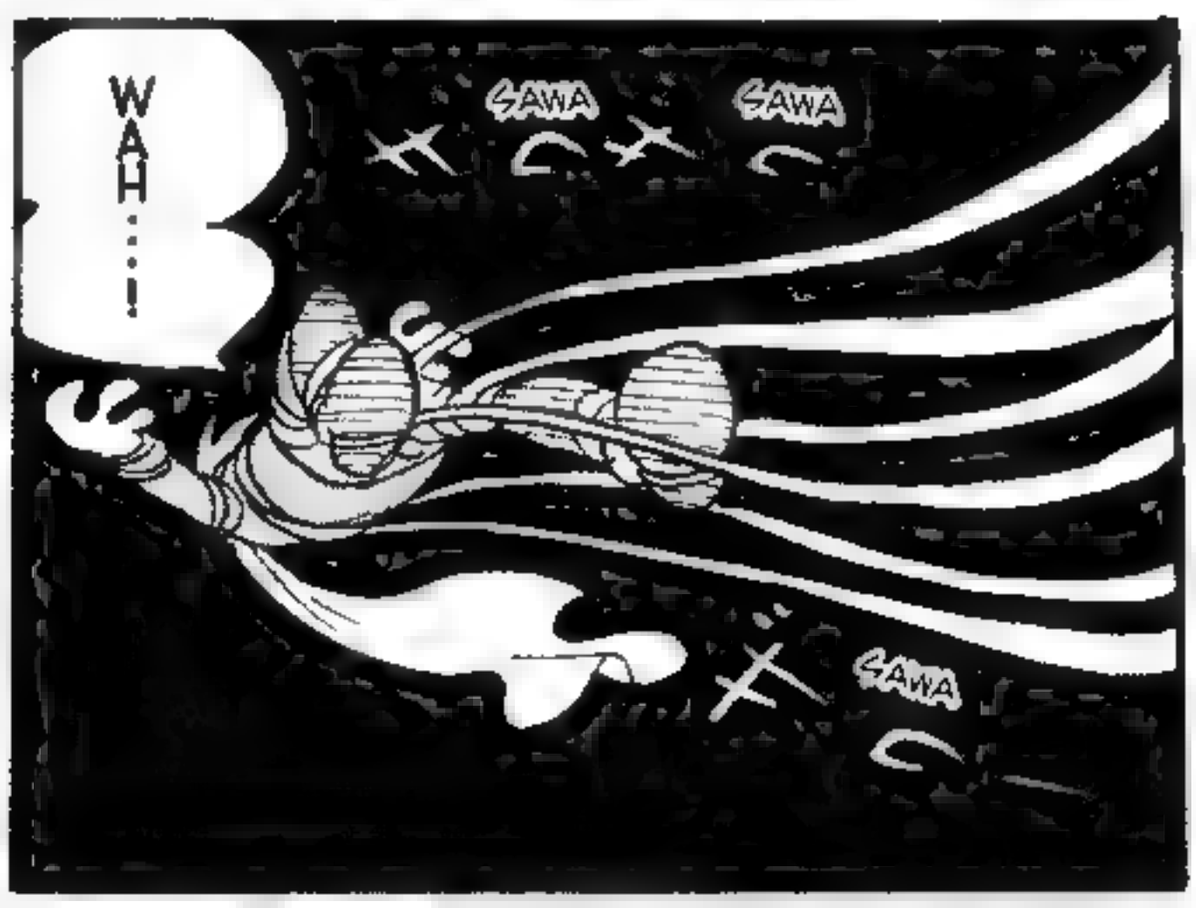
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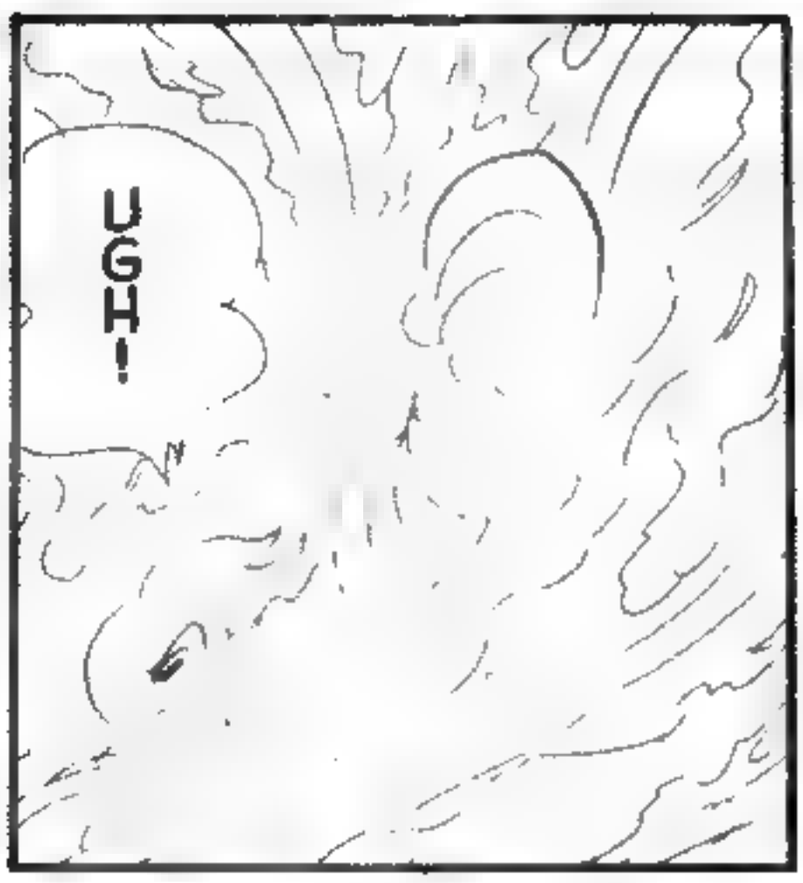
SAWA
SAWA
SAWA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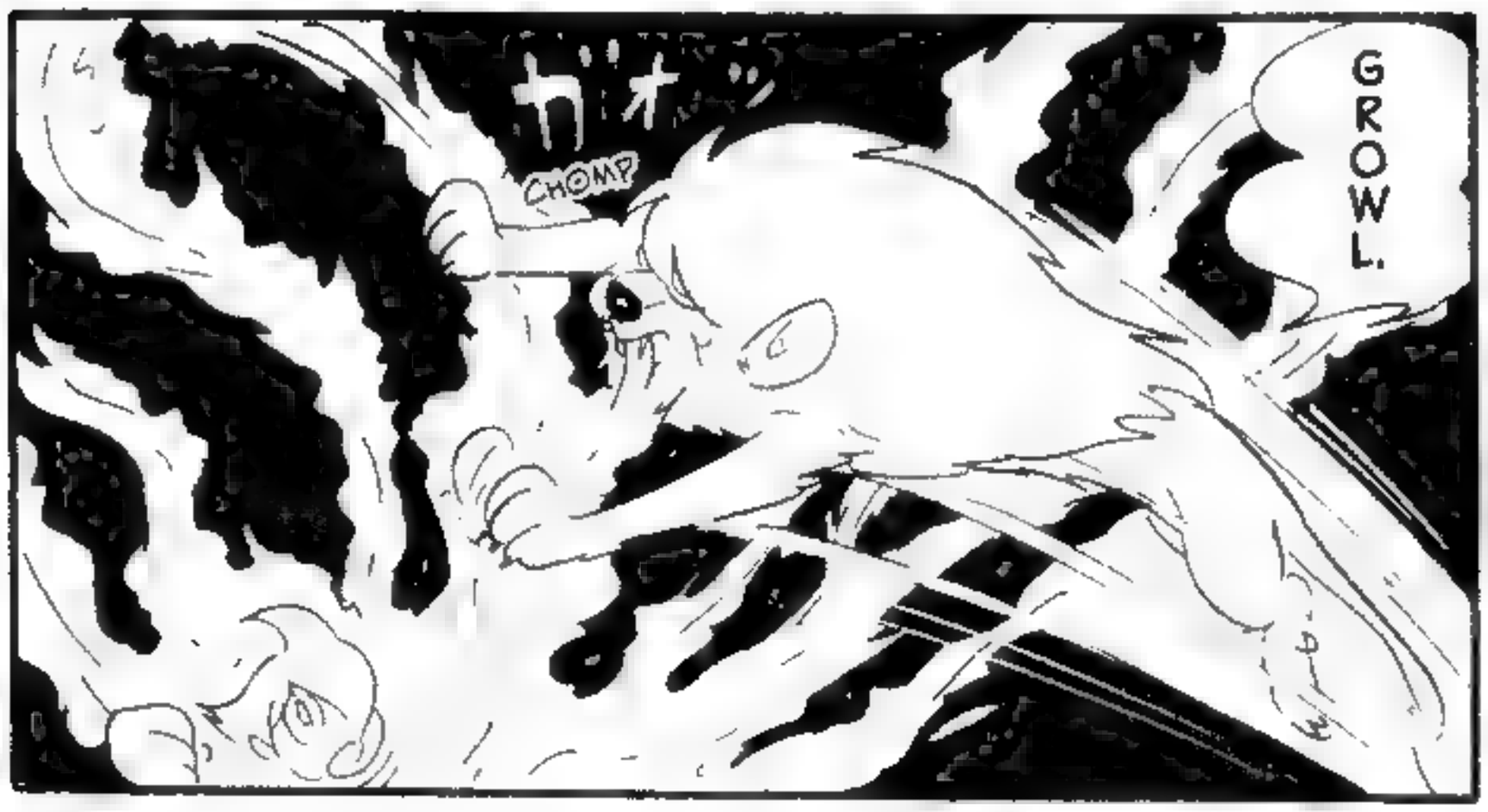
WAH!
WZZ


GROWL.
CHOMP

YEOW!

CHOMP

YOU LOST SOMEONE, DIDN'T YOU?

OH, I SEE.

WHY WOULD A LION BITE INTO A BURNING TREE?

THE LION... FREED ME?

YIKES! SOME-ONE'S HUNGRY!

GRRR...

GRAA

WORM

YOU WOULDN'T BE LOOKING FOR THESE, WOULD YOU?

HMM...

I HOPE THIS WORKS!

TALK ABOUT THINKING WITH YOUR STOMACH!

FWIP

IF YOU WANT IT, GO GET IT!!

ALL RIGHT. ENOUGH ALREADY! YOU WANT THIS?

FIRE AT THE CAVE! HURRY!!

OO?!

BOOM

BZZT

BZZT

BZZT

DO

DO

DO

DO

BUT... IS IT SAFE...

YES. IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

WE'VE BLOCKED THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAVE.

GO ON!

"...AND JUST AS YOU SAID..."

"WE WAITED A MONTH AND RE-OPENED THE CAVE..."

"...TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING MY VILLAGE."

Two months later...

LION AND TREE WERE SOMEHOW LINKED TOGETHER.

THEY WEREN'T CYBORGS. THEY WERE EXTRATER-RESTRIALS!

JUST AS I SUS-PECTED...

"TWO WEEKS LATER, THE TREE DIED TOO."

"THE LION WAS DEAD."

"I HOPE YOU CAN RETURN TO AFRICA WHEN MY WORK HERE IS DONE. WHEN AFRICA IS A FREE, BEAUTIFUL LAND."

"IN THE MEANTIME, HAVE A GOOD TIME IN PARIS. SINCERELY, PYUNMA (008)."

A PERFECT SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP. WITHOUT THE LION, THE TREE DIED.

THE TREE NEEDED THE LION TO SURVIVE.

I TRAPPED HIM IN A URANIUM MINE. HE ATE UNTIL HIS STOMACH EXPLODED! PLEASE, CONTINUE READING.

WHAT ABOUT THE LION? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

CYBORG SOLDIERS
THE PHANTOM DOG

Kubikuro...
Kubikuro... I still remember the first time I met you. Spring of last year...

WUFF
WUFF
WUFF

HA
HA
HA

3 x 5

15

IT'S TRUE.

WOW.

THAT'S AMAZING.

HE GOT IT AGAIN!

110 CLAP

110 CLAP

WATCH IN AWE AS MY LITTLE PRINCESS SOLVES THIS PROBLEM.

56

WHAT IS 56 ÷ 4?

NOW, LET'S TRY SOME DIVISION.

14

FLAP

FLAP

56 ÷ 4

HAH! CAN ALL OF THOSE DOGS DO THIS?

5♦, 4... 14! BY JOVE, HE'S RIGHT!

Kubikuro, I remember how small and precious you were, sitting there by that old man and watching your parents astound the audience.

HEY, GIRL.

The next time I saw you...

You were so cute.

YELP

YELP

YELP

WHAT? HE'S DEAD.

HIT BY A CAR!

YELP

YELP

YELP

YELP

YELP

YELP

YELP

...it was autumn.

...THAT HE WAS MURDERED!

AND THESE TIRE TRACKS WOULD INDICATE...

POOR THING. YOU HAVE NO ONE LEFT IN THE WORLD.

BUT THEY SPARED YOU, DIDN'T THEY.

WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING? THE ANIMALS TOO?

IT'S ON THE OTHER DOGS TOO! IN THE EXACT SAME PLACE!!

HUH? THERE'S A SCAR ON HER HEAD.

POOR THING.

HOW STRANGE.

...AS IF DONE IN SURGERY!

IT'S A CLEAN LINE...

RUFF

RUFF

RUFF

WHAT WAS HE DOING TO THEIR BRAINS?

FWOOO

WEE-OO

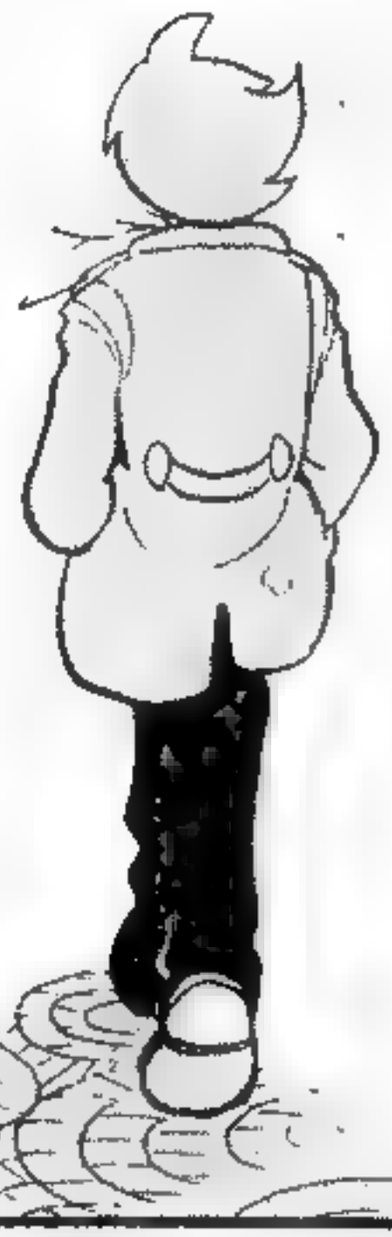
WEE-OO

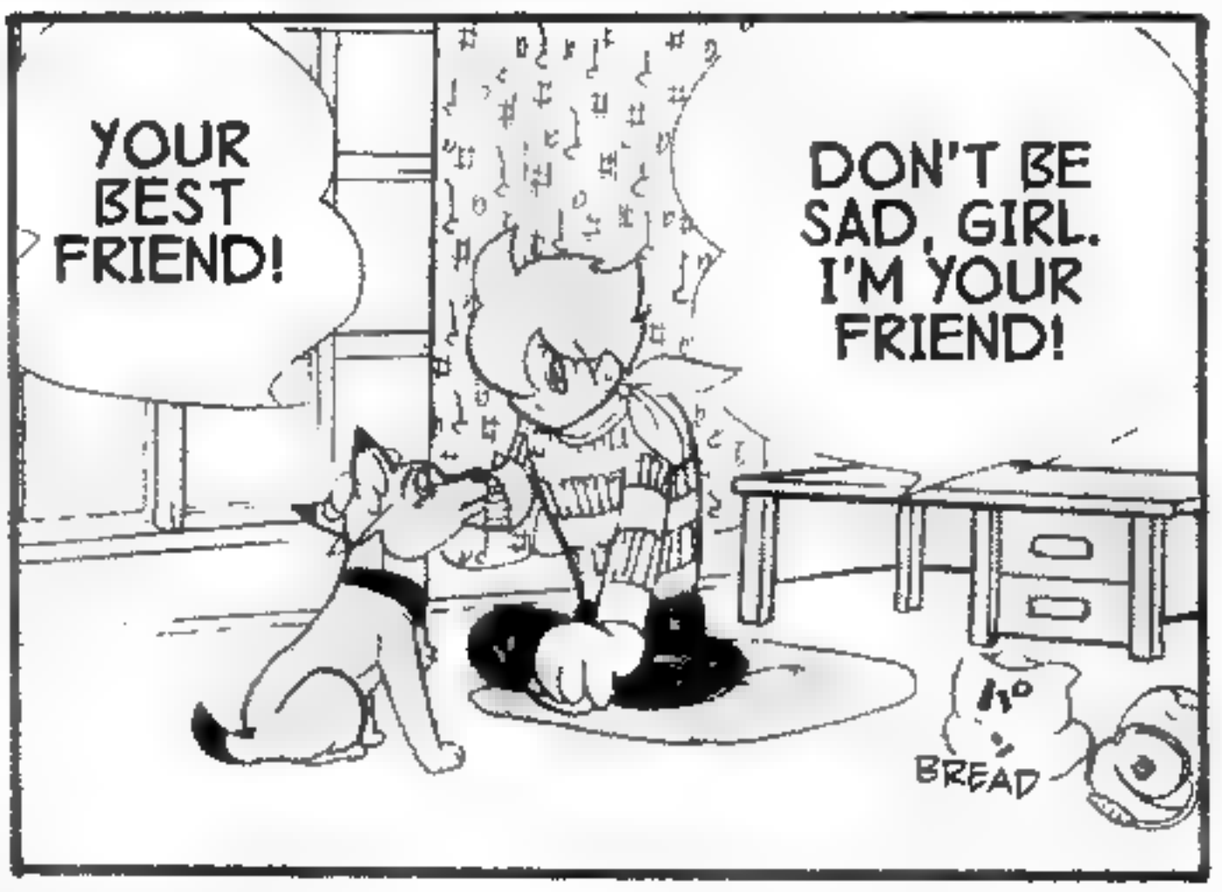
DON'T WORRY, GIRL. I'LL GET YOU CHECKED OUT.

THEN... YOU'RE COMING HOME WITH ME.

Kubikuro...

Kubikuro... I took care of you for three months... three wonderful months...





It was right about that time I started noticing strange things about Kubikuro.

JOSEPH! JOSEPH SHIMA-MURA!

AHH! MUDDY FOOTPRINTS IN THE HOUSE!

THEY'RE CERTAINLY NOT MINE!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I THINK!

UH, DO YOU THINK THEY'RE KUBI-KURO'S?

WHOSE FOOT-PRINTS ARE THESE?

WELL, DON'T WORRY. I'LL CLEAN IT RIGHT UP.

...UN-LADY-LIKE.

OOPS. I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE SO...

I DON'T KNOW. YOUR FEET ARE PRETTY DIRTY.

HUH?

A CLEANING RAG?

HEH HEH.

BUT... KUBIKURO IS CLEVER, ISN'T HE?

HA HA HA, YOU GOT ME!

HUH!

Or...

Kubikuro must have inherited whatever genius his parents had.

TOO CLEVER FOR HIS OWN GOOD.

...implanted!

Maybe it was...

Maybe it wasn't inherited...

It was heartbreaking.

Kubikuro's sadness was like that of a human. He mourned his parents deeply.

THEY FOUND THE CAR THAT HIT YOUR PARENTS!

WOW! KUBIKURO, LOOK AT THIS!

THEY'VE GOT THE DRIVER IN CUSTODY.

THE PAINT AND TIRE MARKS MATCH THE PRINTS LEFT ON THE OLD MAN'S BODY.

...the police found the driver's body... burned to death.

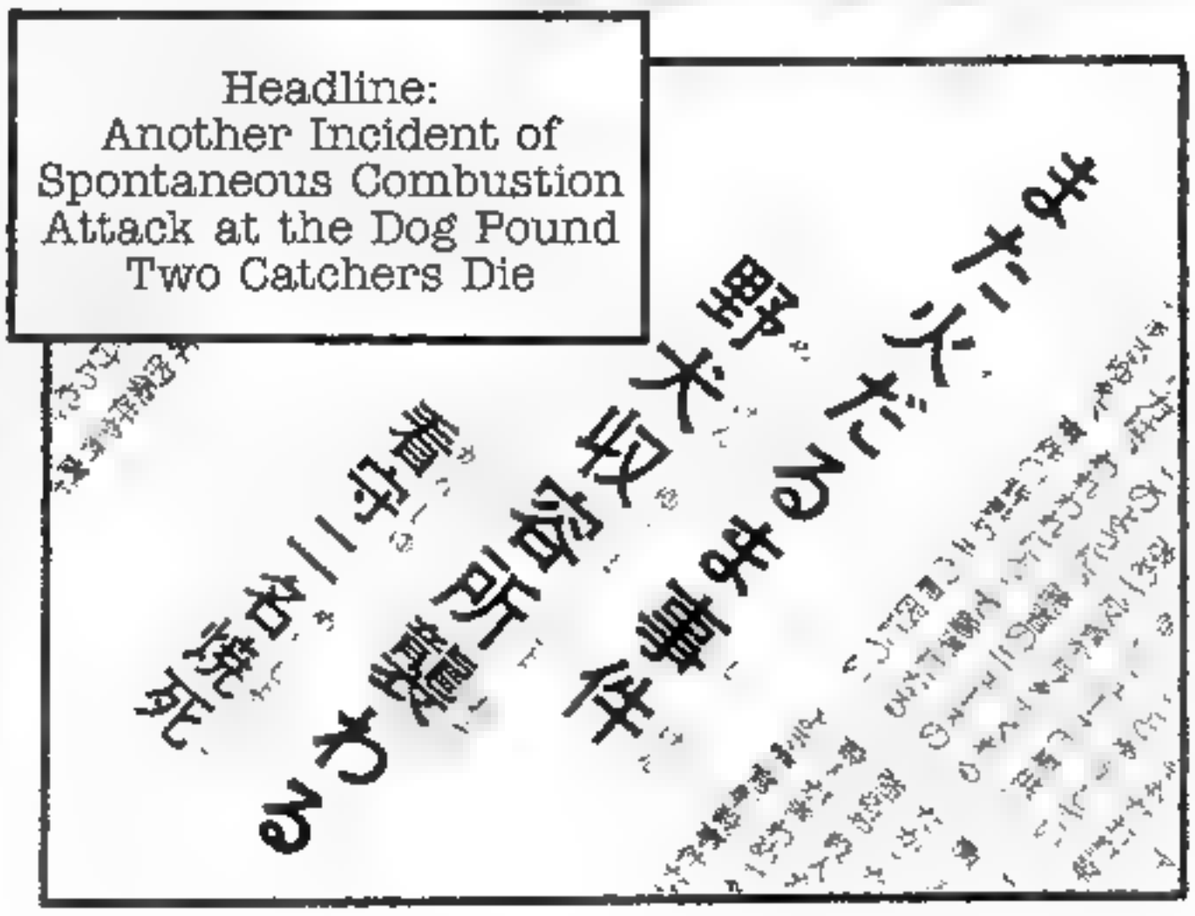
And two nights later...

The next morning, Kubikuro disappeared from my life.

At the time, I never even considered that Kubikuro had anything to do with it.

Headline: Driver of Hit-and-Run Dies in Spontaneous Combustion

Headline: Another Incident of Spontaneous Combustion Attack at the Dog Pound Two Catchers Die



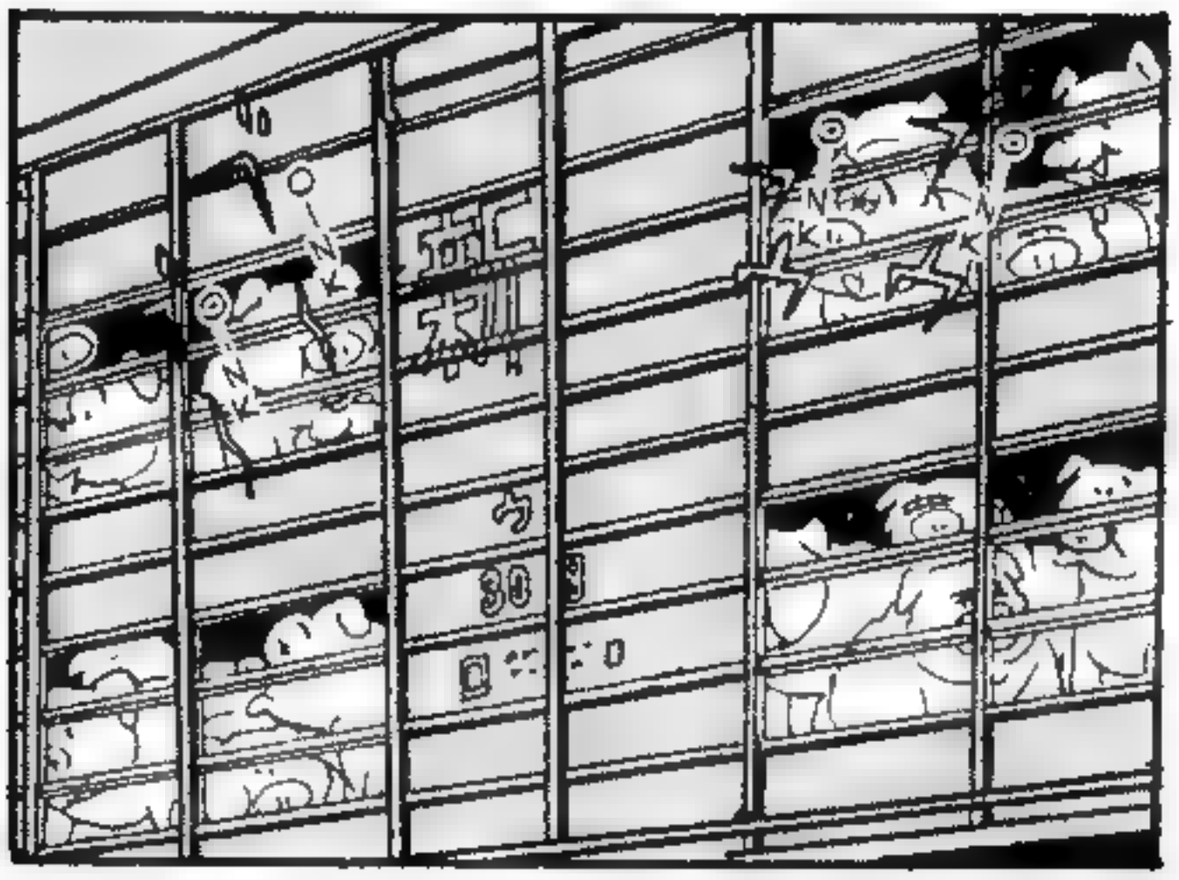
Headline: Pack of Stray Dogs Attack Butcher Shop Three Store Workers Burnt to Death

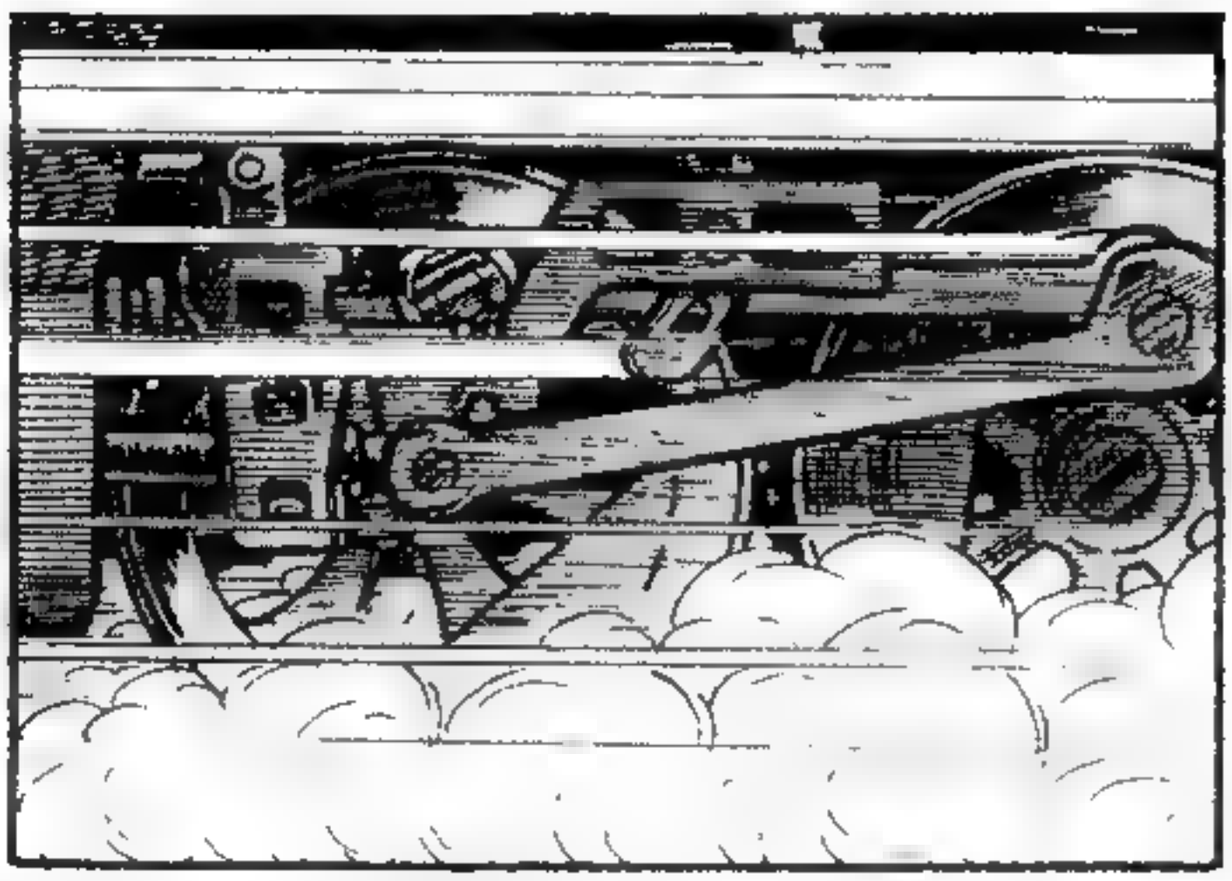
Headline:
Driver Spontaneously
Combusts Freight Train
Capsizes Cargo of
50 Pigs Attacked.

CHUU

C621

貨物列車を転覆させた
運転手火だるま
運送中の豚五十頭焼け死ぬ





CHUU

FWOO

FWOO

GYAA!

WHAT THE...?!

AAAH!

FWSH

GRROWL!

WAAAH!

WJFF
WJFF
WJFF
WJFF
WJFF
BAM
WHAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

OINK
OINK
OINK
BOOM
CRASH
BAM
OINK.
OIIIIINK.
OINK.
GRRR.
Headline:
Stray Dogs Surround
Policeman
野犬が包囲した警官
凶暴犬やはり
HE'S THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF SUCH ACTS... BUT HE WAS SO KIND...
It was Kubikuro!
I knew it
right away!
CHOMP
CHOMP

...I would have realized much sooner!

If only I'd been paying attention...

But it was too late.

Kubikuro! Why?

The elderly man enhanced the brains of Kubikuro's parents. They became as intelligent as humans. When the puppy came along, he performed the same operation. The puppy also became as intelligent as a human. And humans are vengeful... and cruel.

Saved by my hand, you turned into a killer!

And so now you must die by my hand!

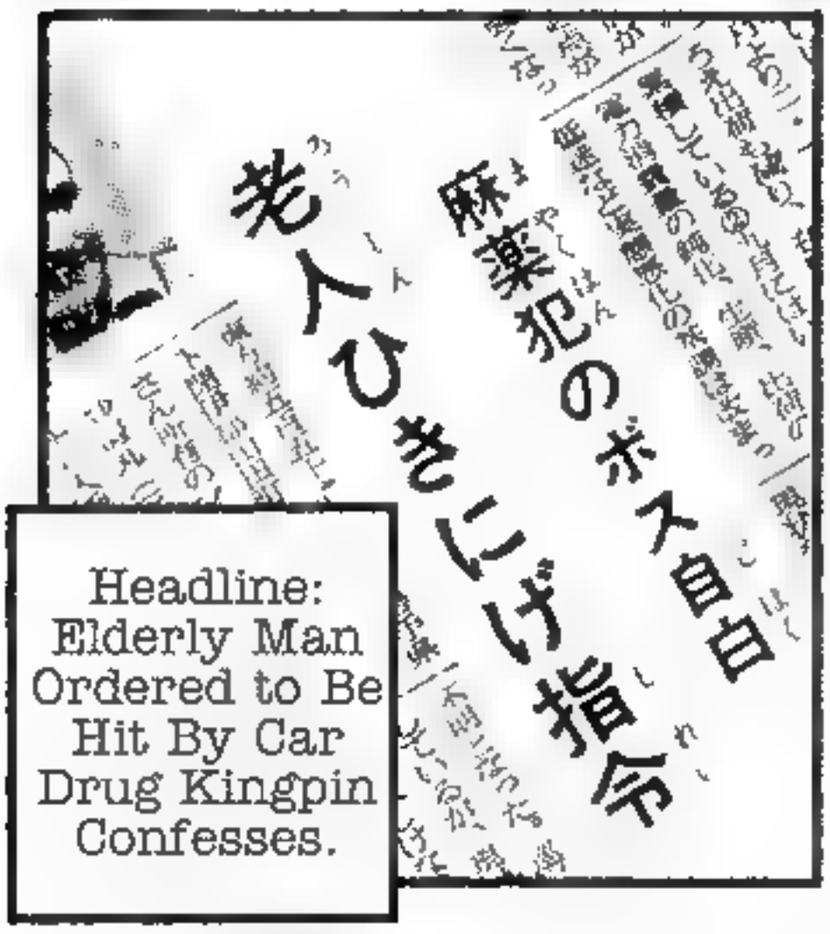
THANK YOU...

HERE. TAKE A LOOK.

WE PRINTED THE ARTICLE AS PER YOUR INSTRUC-TIONS.

AH, FINALLY!

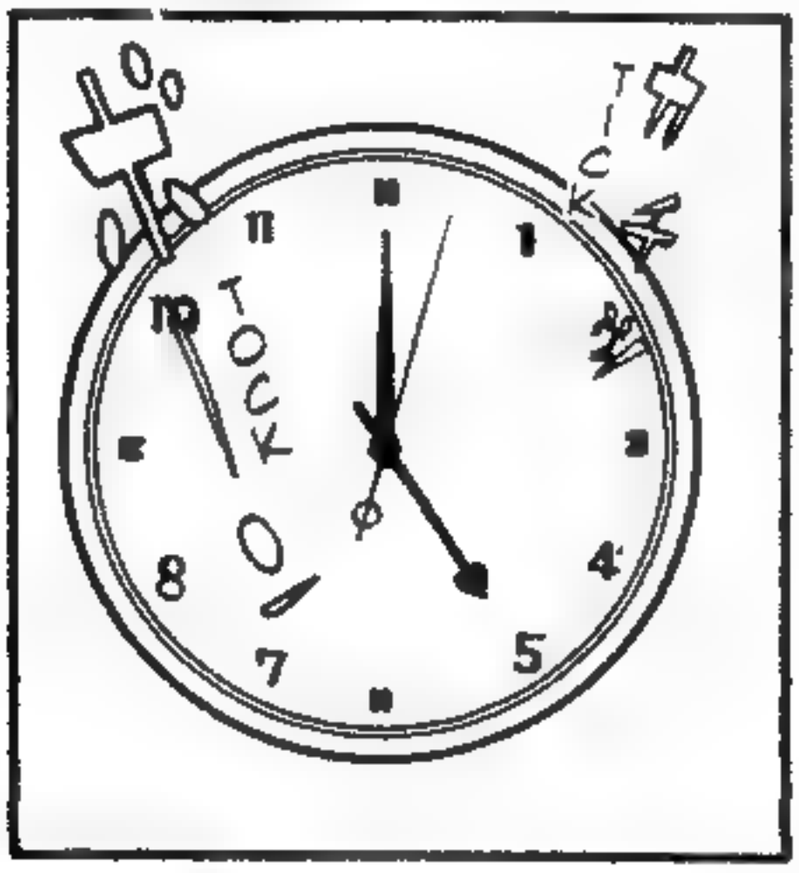
HELLO?



Headline: Elderly Man Ordered to Be Hit By Car Drug Kingpin Confesses.

Headline: Elderly Eyewitness Spots Transaction Killed in Hit-and-Run

Headline: Elderly Man Run Over In Relation to Drug Case



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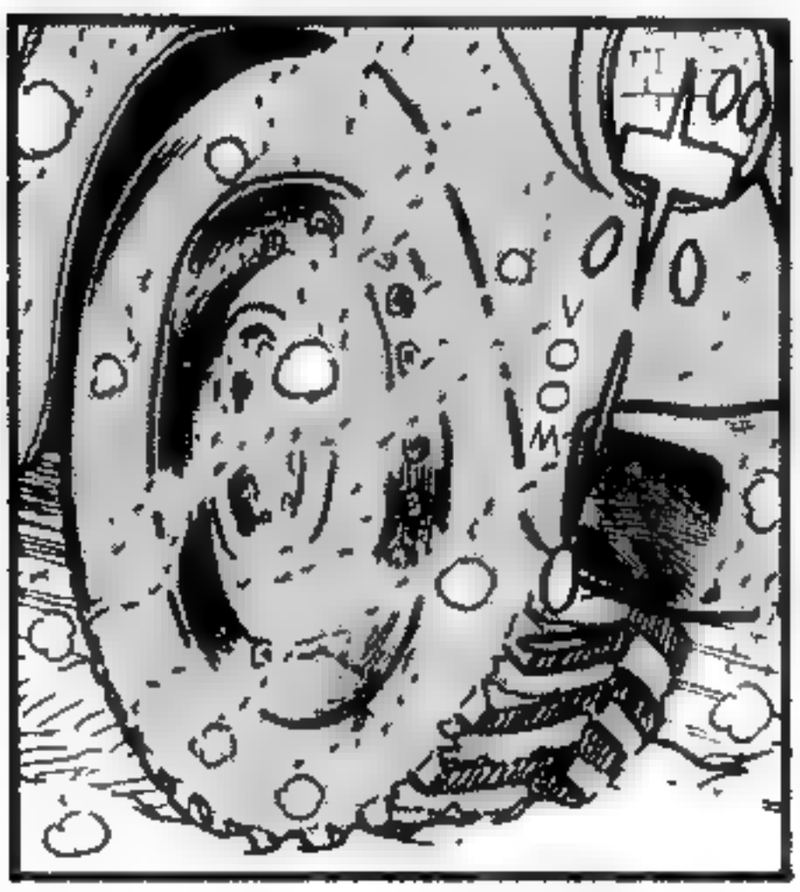


Headline: Elderly Man Hit-and-Run Case.

The Kingpin's Convoy...

VOOM

DON'T WORRY. THESE OUTFITS ARE FIRE-PROOF.

A-ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

VOOM

.....

SHAK

SHAK

THERE HE IS!

SHAK

SHAK

SHAK

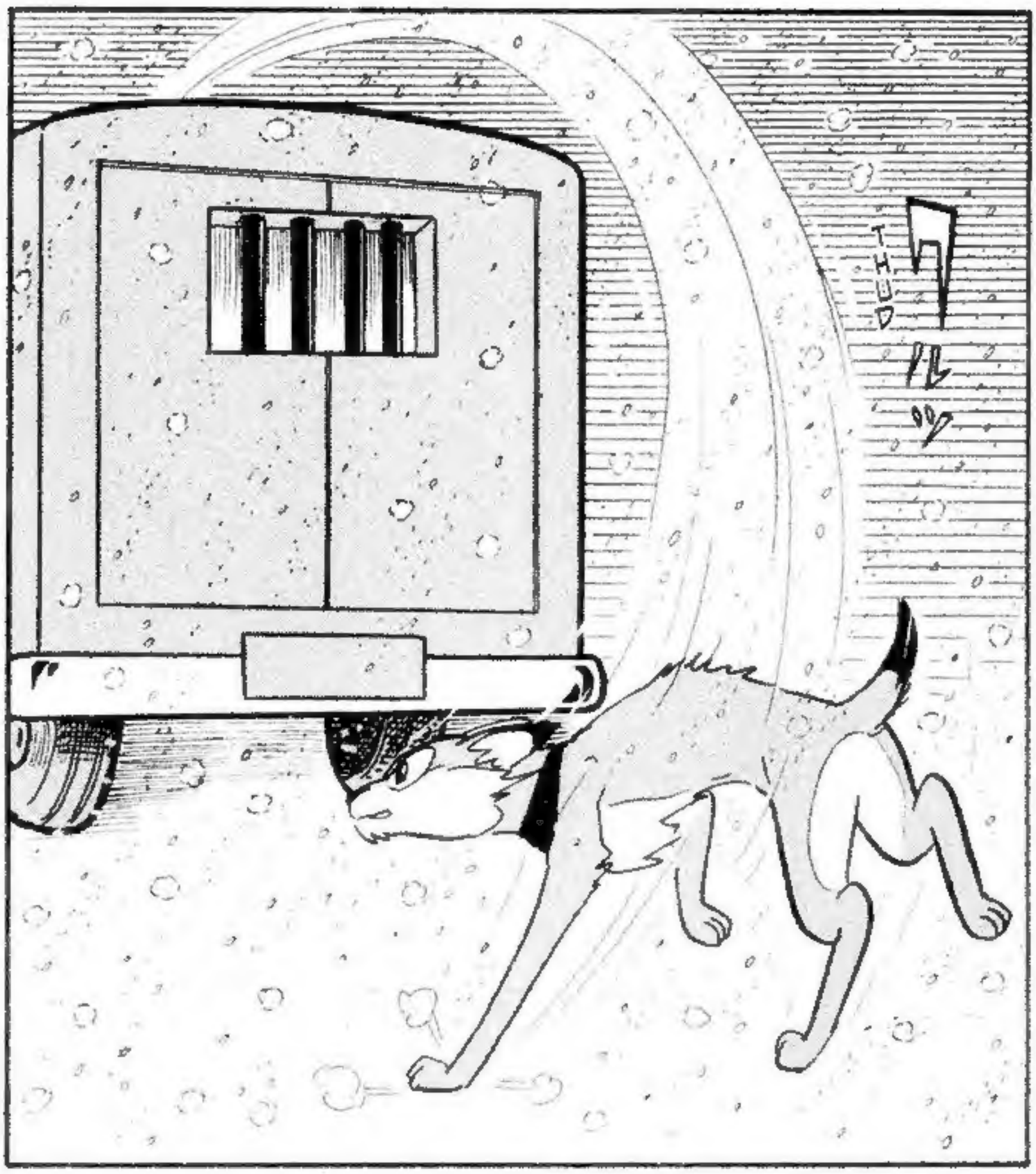
FWOM

BAK

YEOW!

UGH!

TMP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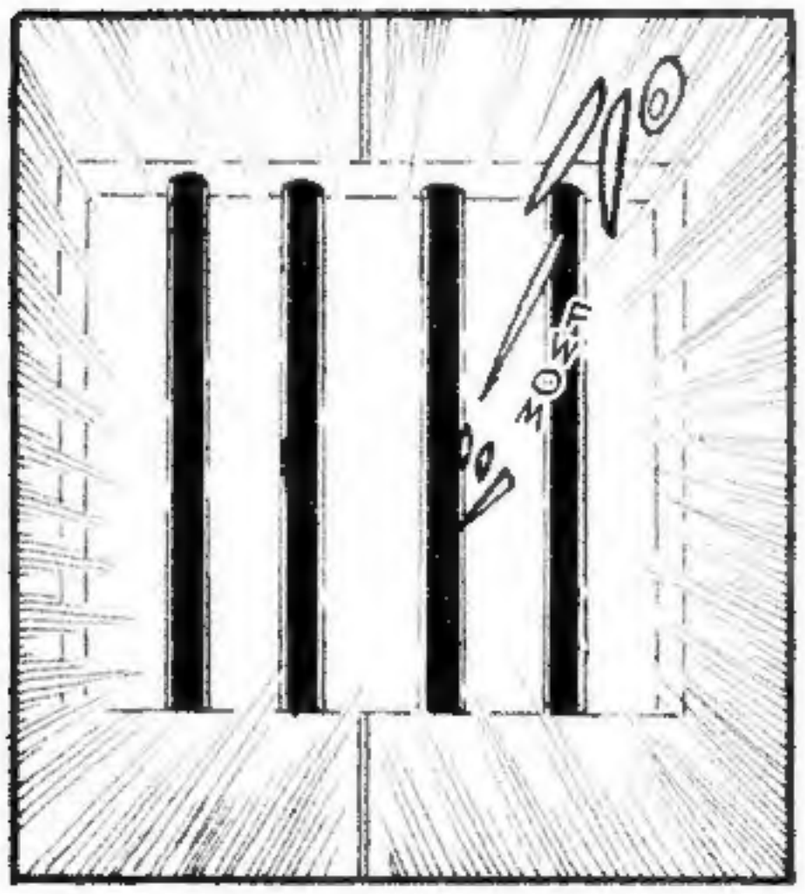
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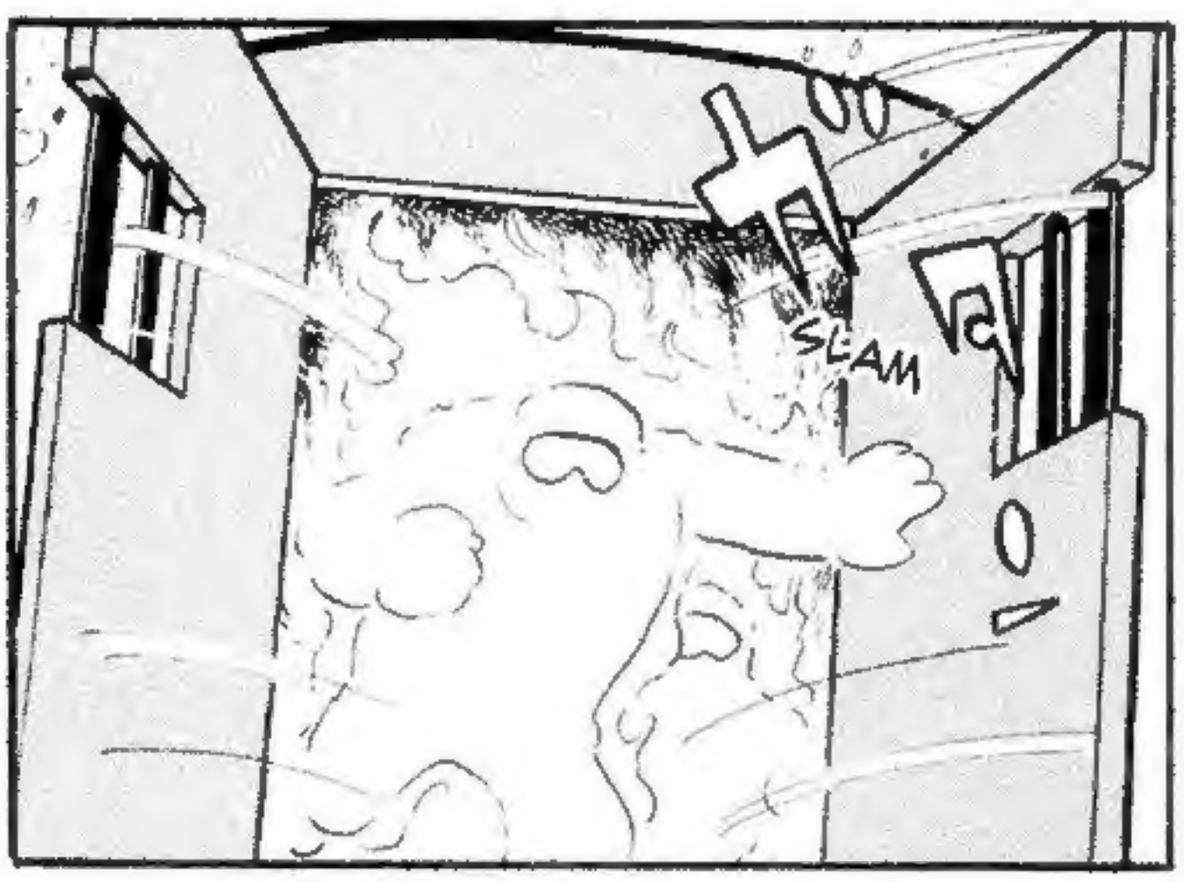
GRRR.
BAK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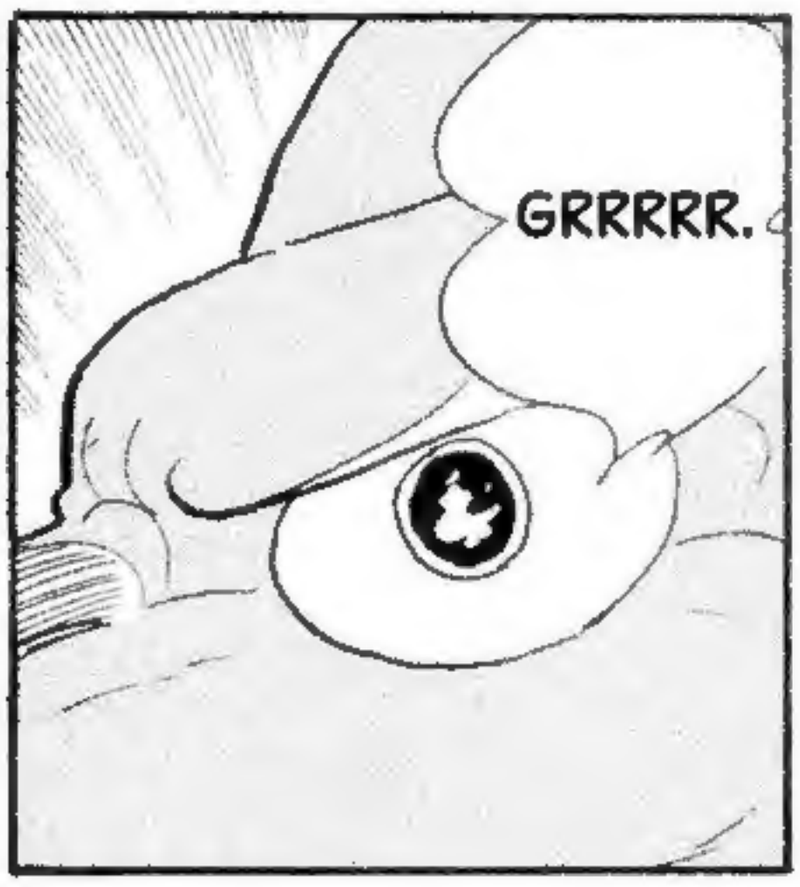
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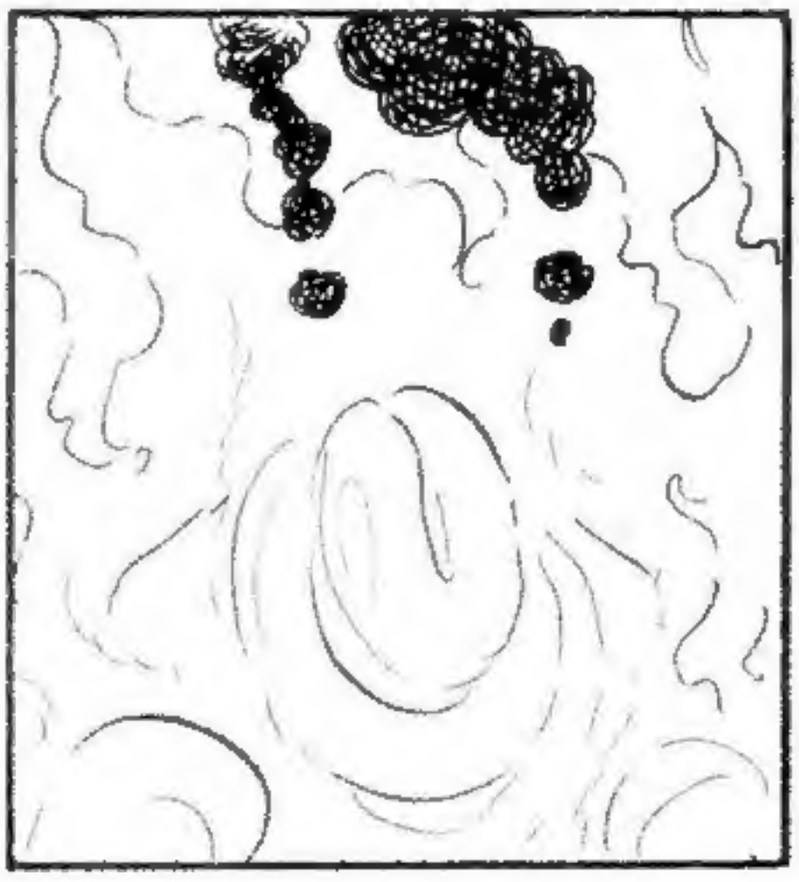
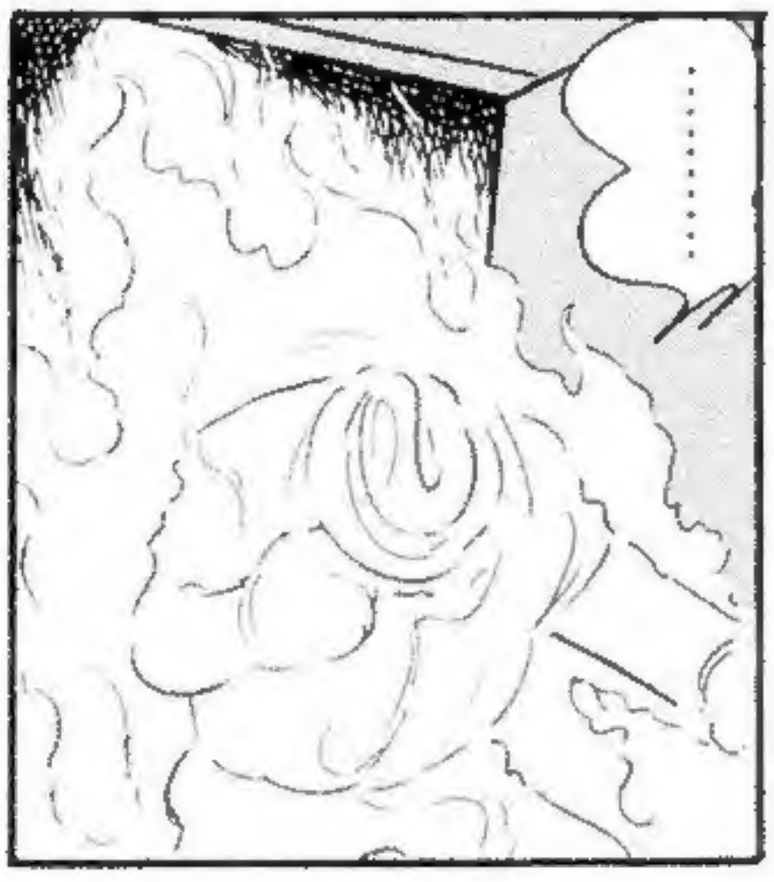




KUBIKURO!!

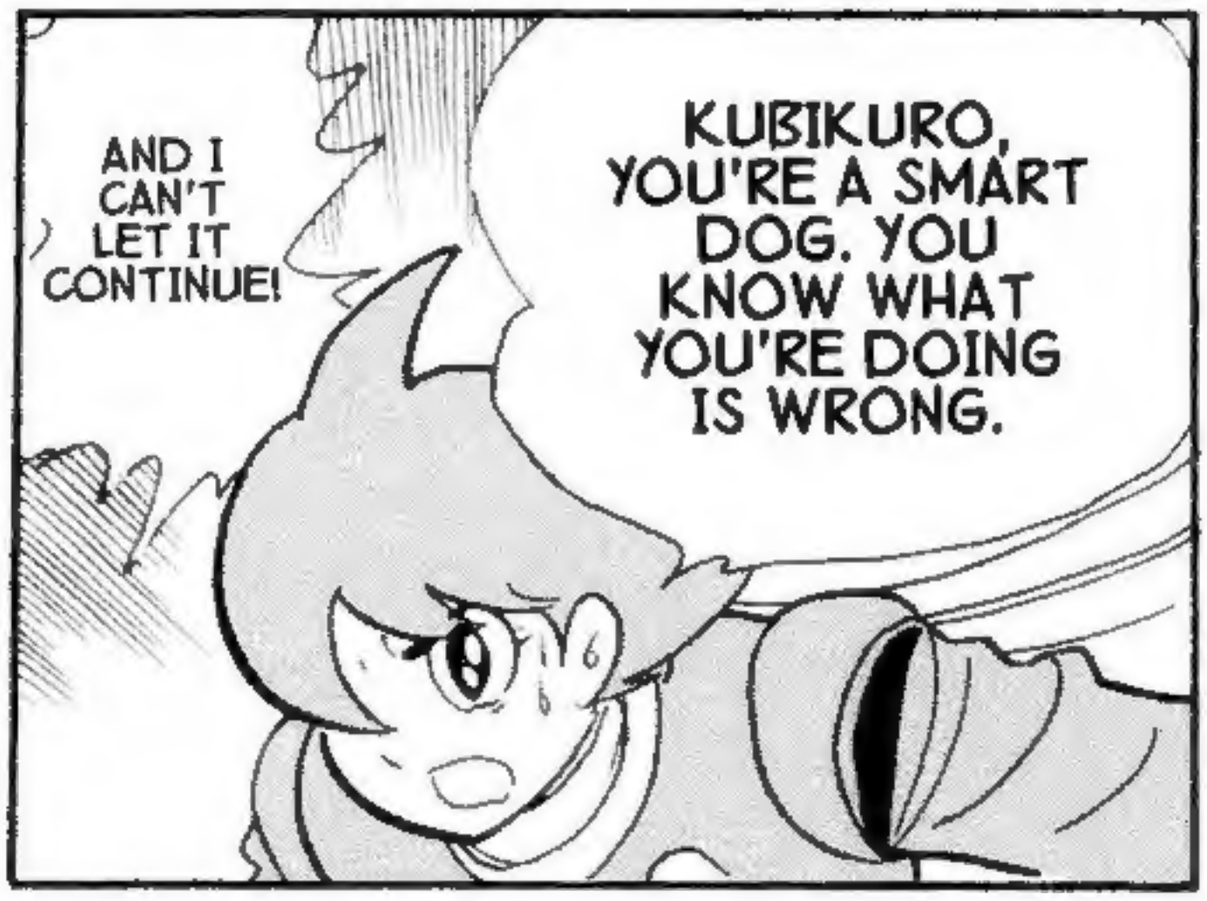
IT'S JOE.

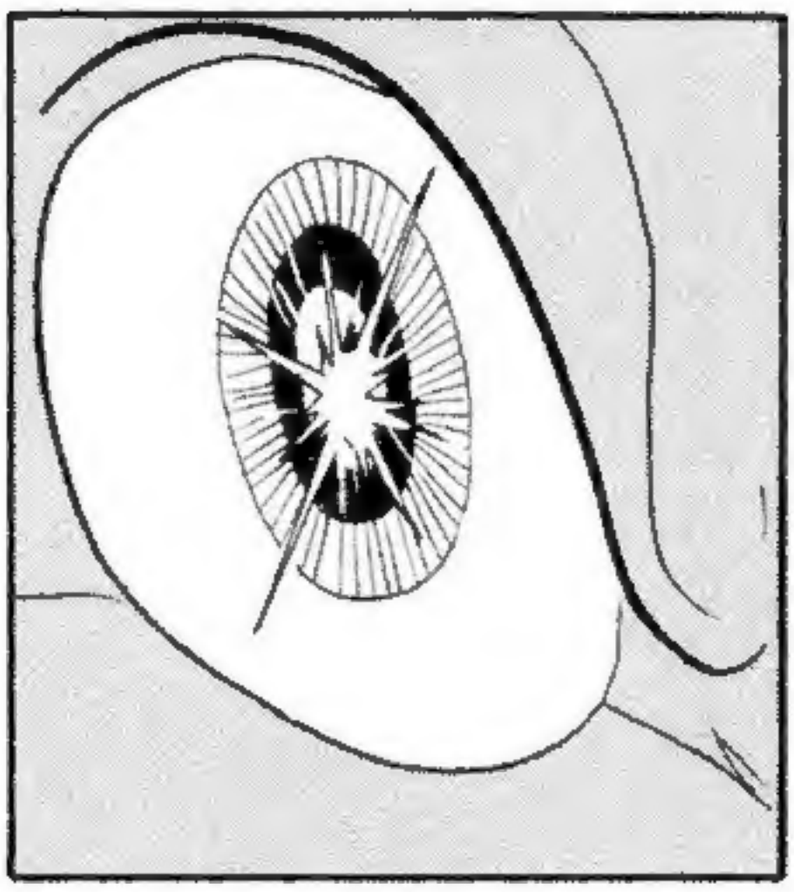
GRRR.

UH?

URRH.

WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU? HOW COULD YOU HAVE GROWN INTO SUCH A MONSTER?

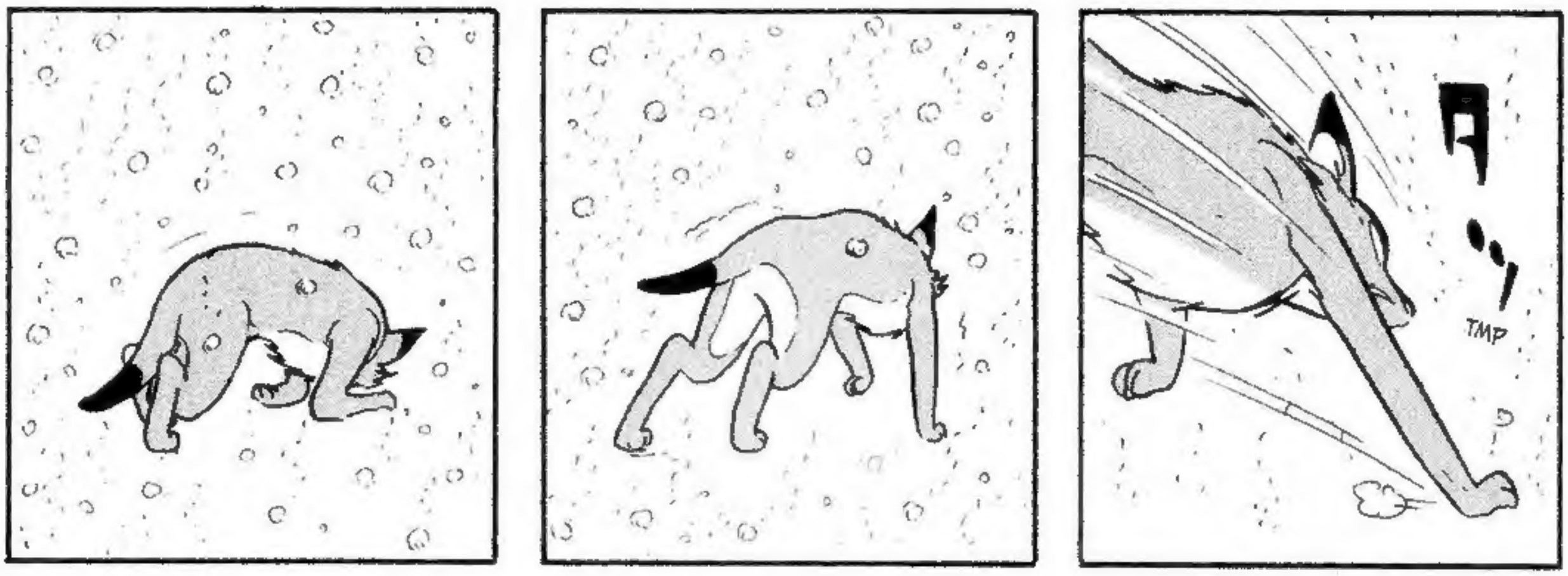

AND I CAN'T LET IT CONTINUE!
KUBIKURO, YOU'RE A SMART DOG. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS WRONG.

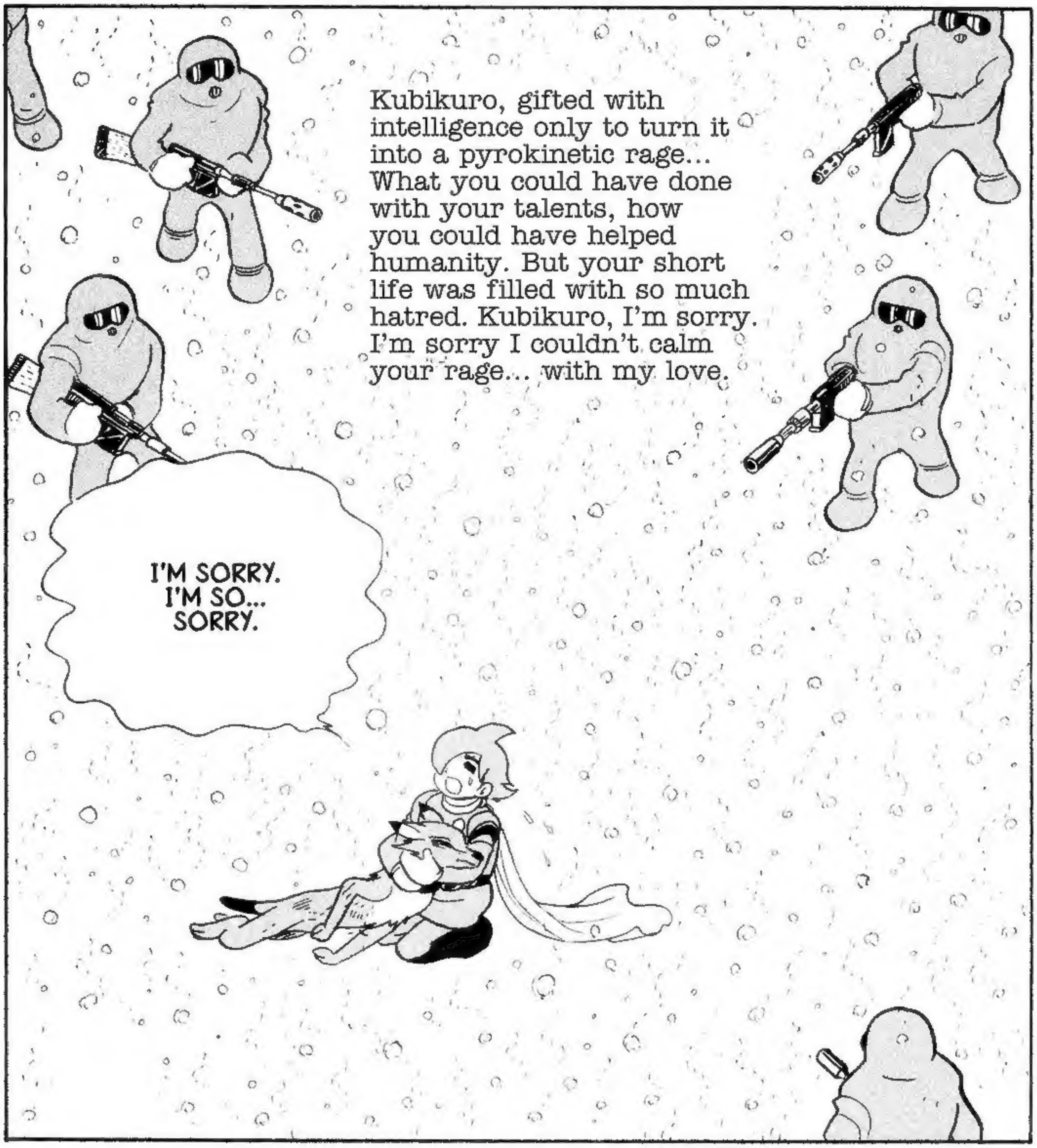


SST

GRRAOW.
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

FWOM
BLAM




Kubikuro, gifted with intelligence only to turn it into a pyrokinetic rage... What you could have done with your talents, how you could have helped humanity. But your short life was filled with so much hatred. Kubikuro, I'm sorry. I'm sorry I couldn't calm your rage... with my love.
I'M SORRY. I'M SO... SORRY.

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